

**CITY OF EL DORADO, KANSAS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 3036**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2026 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR THE CITY OF EL DORADO, KANSAS**

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission of the City of El Dorado, Kansas, recognizes the importance of establishing clear and consistent policies to guide municipal operations and decision-making; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission periodically adopts new policies or revises existing policies to improve efficiency, accountability, and service delivery in accordance with the City's mission and values; and


**WHEREAS**, the 2026 Legislative Agenda has been prepared to provide guidance and transparency with respect to the City's legislative priorities for the upcoming legislative session; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission finds that adoption of the 2026 Legislative Agenda serves the public interest and promotes the effective governance of the City of El Dorado.


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF EL DORADO, KANSAS:**

1. **Adoption.** The City Commission hereby adopts the document entitled the 2026 Legislative Agenda ("Policy"), attached hereto as *Exhibit A*, as the official policy of the City of El Dorado, Kansas.
2. **Purpose.** The purpose of this Policy is to provide guidance and transparency with respect to the City's legislative priorities for the 2026 Legislative Session.
3. **Supersession.** This Resolution supersedes any prior resolutions or policies that conflict with the provisions of the adopted Policy.
4. **Implementation.** The City Manager, or their designee, is hereby authorized and directed to implement the provisions of the Policy and ensure compliance by all applicable departments and personnel.
5. **Effective Date.** This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption by the City Commission.

**ADOPTED** by the City Commission of the City of El Dorado, Kansas, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025.

  
Bill Young, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Emerald Veatch, City Clerk



## **Exhibit A**

### **2026 Legislative Agenda**

The City of El Dorado supports the concept of local home rule, which places accountability and decision making at the level of government closest to the people. Varying demographics and values make it difficult to adopt a “one size fits all” solution to social, economic, and political issues occurring throughout the nation and state. Therefore, the City of El Dorado advocates for a limited federal and state role in the affairs of its citizens.

In addition to the broad legislative agenda developed by the League of Kansas Municipalities, the City of El Dorado adopts the following legislative positions specific to the local needs of the community.

#### **STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

The City of El Dorado supports the legislative priorities of the League of Kansas Municipalities, especially as it relates to the Home Rule amendment of the Kansas Constitution. The City supports locally elected officials making decisions on behalf of their communities, particularly over local tax and revenue decisions. To that end, the City of El Dorado supplements the League’s Statement of Municipal Policy with an emphasis on the following local legislative priorities.

- Supports efforts to fund transportation projects to maintain and enhance the State’s transportation system and advocates for the continuation of safety and modernization enhancements of the state highway system, such as the City Connecting Link Improvement Program (CCLIP), Transportation Alternatives (TA), Federal Funds Exchange Program, Cost Share Program, and other transportation programs.
- Supports the funding of regionally significant transportation priorities of south central Kansas, to include continued improvements to the North Junction near Wichita and supports funding for improvements to the intersection of K-254/I-35/Boyer Road in El Dorado.
- Supports legislation that balances the interests of municipalities and rural water districts without encumbering municipal growth opportunities. Supports efforts by the Water Program Task Force and state agencies to facilitate water supply regionalization, including financial support of studies and projects needed to realize these efforts.
- Advocates for legislation that encourages the creation of regional wholesale water districts to provide sustainable water supply projects throughout Kansas and the allocation of funding to assist local governments desiring to develop such districts to serve their constituents.
- Supports legislative programs designed to allow local governments to finance economic development initiatives and projects. The City supports collaboration between state and local governments to finance public infrastructure needed to support significant economic development projects.
- Supports enhancing funding for the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism, and further encourages the State of Kansas to invest in its outdoor recreational facilities and

technology assets. The City also supports any efforts to leverage El Dorado Lake as an economic opportunity for the State of Kansas and south central Kansas.

- Supports continued funding of the Moderate-Income Housing (MIH) tax credit program and other housing initiatives to strengthen housing opportunities throughout the state.
- Advocates for legislation to streamline the process for addressing abandoned and blighted properties.
- Supports the equitable distribution of funding for community colleges across the state to provide local property tax relief in counties with community colleges.
- Supports legislative efforts to assist communities with the financial cost of operating rural hospitals.
- Supports efforts to modernize the state's electric grid and generation capabilities without requiring a significant increase to existing customer utility bills by private utility companies.
- Seeks legislative support to clarify the role and responsibilities of the state fire marshal's office as it relates to commercial and high-occupancy building uses. Allow local fire marshal jurisdiction, where appropriate, to expedite and streamline the development review process.
- Supports legislation or administrative regulations that allow municipalities to operate animal shelters without unnecessary or burdensome regulations that make the operation of such facilities unfeasible for taxpayers.