

Public Notices

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Clerk’s Office located at 201 S 5th St, Osage City, KS 66523, until September 5, 2025 at 11:00 AM local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read in the City Council Chambers, located next door at 221 S 5th St, Osage City, KS 66523. NOTE: A bid proposal is invalid if it has not been received by the time, date and at the location designated for receipt as specified in this INVITATION TO BID. Faxed, e-mailed or telephonic bid proposals shall not be accepted.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: Bidders are invited to bid on a 1,400 SF addition to the existing Osage City Library building and minor demolition/refinish work on the interior of the existing building. All construction components are described in the construction Drawings, Specifications and Request for Bid Proposal.

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: Drawings and specifications are available digitally via the Architect by contacting bryan@falk-architects.com

A pre-bid conference for the Project may be held at a date and location to be determined. Planholders will be advised of the date and location. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is encouraged but not required.

CONTRACTOR ELIGIBILITY: All contractors submitting bids must be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) and have a current Universal Entity Identification (UEI) number. Contractors may register in SAM by going to www.sam.gov. Written confirmation of the initiation of the SAM registration process shall be included with the bid and a UEI will be required before work can begin.

PROJECT INFORMATION: Questions concerning drawings, specifications, and bid process can be directed to the Architect:

Falk Architects, 827 N. Kansas Avenue, Topeka, KS 66608
Contact: Bryan Falk – bryan@falk-architects.com

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS: For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

The contractor and their subcontractors on this project will be required to comply with the federal Davis-Bacon Act; Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act; and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act. Wage rates paid for construction work shall be at least equal to the prevailing wage rates as determined by the Secretary of the U. S. Department of Labor. The Labor Standards and Wage Rates Determination are included in the Contract Documents.

All persons awarded and /or entering into contracts with the Owner shall be subject to and required to comply with applicable county, state and federal provisions pertaining to nondiscrimination, labor standards, equal employment opportunity and affirmative action on public contracts. The project is being partially funded by Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program managed by

the Kansas Department of Commerce. Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and Federal prevailing wage rates to be paid under the contract, Section 3 of the 1968 Housing Act, Segregated Facility, Section 109 of the 1984 Housing and Community Development Act, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Executive Order 11246. Minority Business Enterprises (MBE), Women Business Enterprises (WBE), and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) are encouraged to submit bids for this work.

This project is subject to the Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA) requirements under Title IX of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), Pub. L. 117-58, §§ 70901-70953. Absent an approved waiver, all iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in this project must be produced in the United States.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any irregularities therein.

Brian Stromgren
Mayor
City of Osage City
July 31, 2025

(First published in The Osage County Herald-Chronicle Thursday, July 31, 2025, and subsequently Thursday, Aug. 7, 2025.)

Dear Osage County Residents,

Re: Update ~ Transient Guest Tax Resolution

The Osage County Board of Commission voted July 22, 2025, on a resolution regarding the implementation of a Transient Guest Tax within our county.

The Transient Guest Tax is a fee added to the cost of temporary lodging. This tax applies to visitors coming INTO our county staying in hotels, bed and breakfasts, and short-term rentals like Airbnb's and Verbos for 28 consecutive days or less. This is NOT a tax on our residents.

Kansas law limits the use of transient guest tax funds to tourism-related purposes. It is a widely used tool across the state, including all surrounding counties to generate revenue to boost

- * Tourism promotion to increase visitors & visitor spending in our local communities
- * Local Community promotion showcasing our unique rural culture
- * Creation of Special Events improving residents' quality of life and strengthening community bonds
- * Small Business support by bringing outside revenue into our local economy
- * Investment in amenities and attractions making Osage County a vibrant, fun, family-friendly destination

The current resolution Transient Guest tax rate is 2% and the allocation of funds would be determined by the Osage County Board of Commission and office of Economic Development.

In October 2025, Osage County Board of Commission will consider a Transient Guest Tax rate increase to align Osage County with surrounding counties with existing rate ranges between 4-8%.

For more information, please review resolution details and

FAQ published today.

Osage County short-term rental property owners will receive a separate letter with instructions.

For more information, please contact Colleen Mendoza Director of Osage County Economic Development.

Sincerely,

Colleen Mendoza
Osage County Economic Development
Director
(785) 839-5302 x144
cmendoza@osageco.org

Frequently Asked Questions

What is it?
The transient guest tax in Kansas is a local tax on lodging rentals paid by guests renting for not more than 28 days. It is levied by local governments to finance tourism activities.

What is the rate?
The rate will be 2%. A list of Kansas local transient guest tax rates can be accessed on Kansas Department of Revenue’s (KDOR) website at: https://www.ksrevenue.gov/pdf/tgratesfilers.pdf.

Who pays it?
K.S.A. 12-1692(c) and 12-1696(c) states: "transient guest" means a person who occupies a room in a hotel, motel, or tourist court for not more than 28 consecutive days. There are only 2 exemptions from paying the tax: The tax does not apply when a room is rented for more than 28 days or when the Federal Government pays directly for a room.

Who collects it?
A hotel, motel, tourist court or any other establishment renting out a minimum of three sleeping rooms within a city or county imposing the tax must collect the tax. K.S.A. 12-1692(b) and K.S.A. 12-1696(b) Accommodation brokers must also collect and remit the tax on their sleeping room rentals with two or more rooms. K.S.A. 12-1692(f) and 12-1696(f) If the business renting rooms goes through a Marketplace Facilitator platform (MPF), the MPF collects and remits the local transient guest tax (and applicable state and local sales taxes) to KDOR. K.S.A. 79-5601–5604 KDOR’s Marketplace Facilitator for Lodging Notice: https://www.ksrevenue.gov/taxnotices/notice21-24.pdf.

When is it remitted?
K.S.A. 12-1694 states a business is required to file monthly transient guest tax returns due the 25th of the following month that it is collected. However, if the business is filing an annual or quarterly sales tax return, the business may, with the approval of the Secretary of Revenue, pay the transient guest tax on the same filing frequency as its sales tax. Requests may be sent to kdor_miscellaneous.tax@ks.gov or by phone, 785.368.8222.

Who gets it?
The transient guest tax collections are distributed quarterly. The distribution is sent to the county treasurer where the tax is imposed. The local jurisdiction imposing the tax receives 98% of the collected amount. K.S.A. 12-1694(c) and 12-1698(c) directs the State Treasurer to credit the remaining 2% to the State General Fund to defray KDOR’s expenses in administration and enforcement.

Other resources:
Monthly local transient guest

tax collection reports: https://ksrevenue.gov/prtgreports.html

Transient Guest Tax informational page on KDOR’s website with forms and helpful publication links: https://www.ksrevenue.gov/bustzxtypetg.html.

CHARTER RESOLUTION C-2025-17

A CHARTER RESOLUTION EXEMPTING THE COUNTY OF OSAGE, KANSAS, FROM THE PROVISIONS OF K.S.A. 12-1697, AND ESTABLISHING PROVISIONS FOR A TRANSIENT GUEST TAX

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Osage County, Kansas:

Section 1. The County of Osage, by the power vested in it by K.S.A. 19-101, et seq., hereby elects to exempt itself from the provisions of K.S.A. 12-1697 which authorizes the governing body of any county to levy a transient guest tax at a rate not to exceed two percent (2%) upon the gross receipts derived from or paid by transient guests for sleeping accommodations, exclusive of charges for incidental services or facilities, in any hotel, motel or tourist court.

Section 2. The following is hereby substituted for the provisions of K.S.A. 12-1697(a): “In order to provide revenues to promote tourism and conventions, the Board of County Commissioners of Osage County, Kansas, hereby elects to levy a transient guest tax at a rate not to exceed eight percent (8%) upon the gross receipts derived from or paid by transient guests for sleeping accommodations, exclusive of charges for incidental services or facilities, in any hotel, motel or tourist court. The transient

guest tax levy shall be set by ordinary resolution at a rate not to exceed eight percent (8%).”

Section 3. This Charter Resolution shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in the official county newspaper.

Section 4. This Charter Resolution shall take effect 61 days after final publication unless a sufficient petition for a referendum is filed, requiring a referendum to be held on the ordinance as provided in K.S.A. 19-101b, in which case this Charter Resolution shall become effective upon approval by a majority of the electors voting thereon. Section 5. The collection of any county or city transient guest tax authorized to be levied pursuant to this Charter Resolution shall commence on the first day of the calendar quarter next following the 30th day after the date of the receipt by the department of revenue after the effective date of this charter resolution and the enacting ordinary resolution.

RESOLVED this 22nd day of July, 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OSAGE COUNTY, KANSAS

Les Holman, 1st District

/s/ Heather Kuder, 2nd District

/s/ Brandon Smith, 3rd District

ATTEST:

/s/ Michelle Morris, Osage County Clerk

RESOLUTION 2025-19

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TRANSIENT GUEST TAX PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 12-1697

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Osage County, Kansas:

Section 1. The County of Osage, pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1697, hereby elects to levy a transient guest tax at the rate of two percent (2%) upon the gross receipts derived from or paid directly or through an accommodations broker by transient guests for sleeping accommodations, exclusive of charges for incidental services or facilities, in any hotel, motel or tourist court.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in the official county newspaper.

Section 4. This resolution shall become effective after publication in the county newspaper.

Section 5. The collection of any county or city transient guest tax authorized to be levied pursuant to this resolution shall commence on the first day of the calendar quarter next following the 30th day after the date of the receipt by the department of revenue of the resolution or ordinance authorizing the levy of such tax.

RESOLVED this 22nd day of July, 2025.

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/s/ Brandon Smith, 3rd District

ATTEST:

/s/ Michelle Morris, Osage County Clerk

(Published in The Osage County Herald-Chronicle Thursday, July 31, 2025.)

Notice of Hearing 2025-2026 Budget

The governing body of Unified School District 454 will meet on the 10th day of September 2025 at 6:35 PM at 100 Bloomquist Dr., Room 121, Burlingame, KS 66413 for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied. Detailed budget information, including budget profile, building needs assessment and Board state assessments review is available at district office, on the district website and will be available at this hearing.

The Amount of 2025 Tax to be Levied and Expenditures (published below) establish the maximum limits of the 2025-2026 Budget. The 'Est. Tax Rate' (column 7), shown for comparative purposes, is subject to slight change depending on final assessed valuation.

	Code 99 Line	2023-2024 Actual		2024-2025 Actual		2025-2026 Proposed Budget		
		Actual Expenditures (1)	Actual Tax Rate* (2)	Actual Expenditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate* (4)	Budgeted Expenditures (5)	Amount of 2025 Tax to be Levied (6)	Est. Tax Rate* (7)
OPERATING								
General	06	3,004,770	20.000	3,103,697	20.000	3,289,814	252,795	20.000
Supplemental General (LOB)	08	961,394	20.100	1,003,672	19.488	1,073,309	351,171	19.286
SPECIAL REVENUE								
Federal Funds	07	176,194		171,406		352,173		
Adult Education	10	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Preschool-Aged At-Risk	11	12,720		10,756		16,845		
At-Risk Education Fund	13	481,103		476,979		501,400		
Bilingual Education	14	400		0		0		
Virtual Education	15	0		0		5,600		
Capital Outlay	16	197,430	7.999	390,638	7.825	681,477	145,668	8.000
Driver Training	18	0		0		31,550		
Declining Enrollment	19	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Food Service	24	291,819		275,417		266,000		
Professional Development	26	7,803		4,972		12,950		
Parent Education Program	28	0		0		0		
Special Education	30	579,464		718,789		1,013,700		
Career and Postsecondary Education	34	44,350		40,137		47,050		
Gifts and Grants	35	69,308		91,562		250,000		
KPERS Special Retirement Contribution	51	255,905		254,679		287,151		
Contingency Reserve	53	0		0		0		
Textbook & Student Material Revolving	55	4,049		9,983		0		
Activity Fund	56	26,531		34,952		0		
DEBT SERVICE								
Bond and Interest #1	62	0	0.000	0	0.000	55,167	0	0.000
Bond and Interest #2	63	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
No-Fund Warrant	66	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Special Assessment	67	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Temporary Note	68	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
COOPERATIVES1								
Special Education	78	0		0		0		
TOTAL USD EXPENDITURES	100	6,113,240	48.099	6,587,639	47.313	7,884,186	749,634	47.286
Less: Transfers	105	1,253,957		1,490,718		1,484,752		
TOTAL USD EXPENDITURES	110	4,859,283		5,096,821		6,399,434		
NET USD TAXES LEVIED	115	764,782		725,468		749,634		

1. Sponsoring District Only
*Tax Rates are expressed in Mills

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OTHER								
Historical Museum	80	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Public Library Board	82	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	83	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Recreation Commission	84	37,486	2.000	39,857	1.957	43,250	36,413	2.000
Rec Comm Emp Benefits & Spec Liab	86	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
TOTAL OTHER	120	37,486	2.000	39,857	1.957	43,250	36,413	2.000
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED	125	\$799,391		\$760,038		\$786,047		

Assessed Valuation - General Fund	128	\$13,927,067		\$12,149,511		\$12,639,750
Assessed Valuation - All Other Funds	130	\$17,253,216		\$17,636,721		\$18,208,542
Assessed Valuation - Capital Outlay	129	\$17,253,216		\$17,636,721		\$18,208,542

Outstanding Indebtedness, July 1		2023		2024		2025
General Obligation Bonds	135	0		0		0
Capital Outlay Bonds	140	0		0		0
Temporary Note	145	0		0		0
No-Fund Warrant	150	0		0		0
Lease Purchase Principal	153	216,709		178,819		140,271
TOTAL USD DEBT	155	216,709		178,819		140,271

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Melissa Droegge	Christi Droegge
Board President	Clerk of the Board

Exceeding Revenue Neutral for the 2025-2026 School Year

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Revenue Neutral						
	2024-2025		Revenue Neutral Taxes	Revenue Neutral Tax Rate	2025-2026	
	Actual Taxes Levied	Actual Tax Rate			Proposed Taxes to be Levied	Proposed Tax Rate
General	\$242,990	20.000	\$242,999	19.225	\$252,795	20.000
ALL OTHER FUNDS						
Supplemental General (LOB)	\$344,251	19.488	\$343,723	18.877	\$351,171	19.286
Adult Education	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Capital Outlay	\$138,227	7.825	\$138,021	7.580	\$145,668	8.000
Cost of Living	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Special Liability Expense Fund	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Bond and Interest #1	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Bond and Interest #2	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
No-Fund Warrant	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Special Assessment	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Temporary Note	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Historical Museum	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Public Library Board	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000

Revenue Neutral Calculation						
Total Taxes Levied Including General Fund	\$725,468	47.313	\$724,743	45.682	\$749,634	47.286
Total Taxes Levied Excluding General Fund	\$482,478	27.313	\$481,724	26.457	\$498,839	27.286

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