

Legals

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ORDINANCE NO. 1204
AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO AND FIXING CHARGES TO BE PAID THE CITY OF OAKLEY, KANSAS FOR WATER SERVICES AND PRESCRIBING RULES AND REGULATIONS THEREFORE; AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1164.
WHEREAS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF OAKLEY, KANSAS HAS COMMITTED TO TREAT WATER TO BE DISTRIBUTED THROUGH THE CITY'S WATER DISTRIBUTION INFRASTRUCTURE.
WHEREAS THE CITY OF OAKLEY WILL BE REQUIRED TO INCREASE WATER UTILITY REVENUE TO MEET DEBT OBLIGATIONS TO CONSTRUCT A WATER TREATMENT FACILITY AND TO QUALIFY FOR GRANT FUNDING TO SUBSIDIZE SAID CONSTRUCTION.
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF OAKLEY, KANSAS:

SECTION 1: MINIMUM CHARGE. The following minimum service charges shall be made for water service furnished by the City of Oakley, Kansas:

The minimum charge per meter for those service connections within the city limits of the City of Oakley will be \$42.60 per month

The minimum charge per meter for those service connections outside of the city limits of the City of Oakley will be \$51.74.

A Water Meter Replacement Fee shall be applied each month for each meter. The amount of this fee shall depend on the size of the customer's meter.

¾ “ meter -	\$1.56 per month	
1 “ meter -	\$2.25 per month	
1 1/2” meter -	\$5.69 per month	
2” meter -	\$8.43 per month	
2” T meter -	\$1479 per month	
2” C meter -	\$26.34	per
3” C meter -	\$34.24	per
4” C meter -	\$55.62	per
6” C meter -	\$80.34	per

SECTION 2: WATER RATES. The following charges shall be made for water sold and furnished by the City of Oakley, Kansas:

USE WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS:
First three thousand (3,000) gallons per month is included in the minimum charge.
Next twenty-seven thousand (27,000) gallons per month, a charge of \$1.85 per 1,000 gallons.
Next forty-five thousand (45,000) gallons per month, a charge of \$2.48 per 1,000 gallons.
Next one hundred seventy-five thousand (175,000) gallons per month, a charge of \$2.88 per 1,000 gallons.
Next two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) gallons per month, a charge of \$3.17 per 1,000 gallons.
Next two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) gallons per month, a charge of \$3.81 per 1,000 gallons.
For all over seven hundred fifty thousand (750,000) gallons per month, a charge of \$4.82 per 1,000 gallons.

USE OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS
First three thousand (3 ,000) gallons per month is included in the minimum charge.
Next twenty-seven thousand (27,000) gallons per month, a charge of \$2.78 per 1,000 gallons.
Next forty-five thousand (45,000) gallons per month, a charge of \$3.72 per 1,000 gallons.
Next one hundred seventy-five thousand (175,000) gallons per month, a charge of \$4.33 per 1,000 gallons.
Next two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) gallons per month, a charge of \$4.75 per 1,000 gallons.
Next two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) gallons per month, a charge of \$5.73 per 1,000 gallons.
For all over seven hundred fifty thousand (750,000) gallons per month, a charge of \$6.24 per 1,000 gallons.

SECTION 3: SPECIAL RATES. Purchasers of water in bulk at the water dock located at the City Power Plant Building will be sold at such rates as the City Council may from time to time determine.

SECTION 4: BILLS. The foregoing charges shall be payable upon bills rendered each month by the City Clerk or designee in accordance with the rules and regulations therefore as provided by Ordinance.

SECTION 5: RIGHTS RESERVED: The City reserves the right to discontinue water services for nonpayment of charges therefore when due or for the violation of the regulations pertaining to the furnishing of water to users.

SECTION 6: REPEALER. Ordinance No. 1164 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 7: EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force after and upon its publication one (1) time in the Oakley Graphic, the official City newspaper.

Passed by the Council and approved by the Mayor this 5th day of August, 2026.

/s/ Russ Kahle
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/ Joy L. Huffman
CITY CLERK

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State of Kansas Township						
NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING						
The governing body of Russell Springs Township Logan County						
will meet on Sept. 3, 2026 at 7:00 PM at Jason Lamb Residence 1509 Co. Rd. 220 for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax. Detailed budget information is available at Jason Lamb Residence 1509 Co. Rd. 220 and will be available at this hearing.						
BUDGET SUMMARY						
Proposed Budget 2027 Expenditures and Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2027 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.						
Fund	Prior Year Actual 2025		Current Year Estimate 2026		Proposed Budget 2027	
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax
General	1,286		5,380		8,925	
Debt Service						
Library						
Road	14,261	8.917	30,000	5.000	52,000	16,058
Special Road	11,390	4.993	25,000	8.125	45,000	12,891
Special Machinery						
Totals	26,937	13.910	60,380	13.125	105,925	28,949
						12.737
Revenue Neutral Rate**						12.873
Less: Transfers	0		0		0	
Net Expenditure	26,937		60,380		105,925	
Total Tax Levied	14		29,259		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
Assessed Valuation:						
Township	2,140,163		2,229,311		2,272,874	
Outstanding Indebtedness,						
Jan 1	2024		2025		2026	
G.O. Bonds	0		0		0	
Other	0		0		0	
Lease Purchase Principal	0		0		0	
Total	0		0		0	
*Tax rates are expressed in mills.						
**Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988						
Molly Kay Lamb						
Township Treasurer						
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State of Kansas Special District						
NOTICE OF HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING						
The governing body of Golden Prairie Extension District #12 Trego County						
will meet on September 3rd, 2026 at 6:45 PM at Golden Prairie District Extension Office in Grainfield, KS 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 and Revenue Neutral Rate. Detailed budget information is available at WaKeeney Extension Office and will be available at this hearing.						
SUPPORTING COUNTIES Trego County (home county) Logan County, Gove County						
BUDGET SUMMARY						
Proposed Budget 2027 Expenditures and Amount of Current Year Estimate for 2026 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2027 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.						
FUND	Prior Year Actual 2025		Current Year Estimate for 2026		Proposed Budget Year for 2027	
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax
General	589,928	2.099	764,000	2.117	800,000	478,583
Debt Service						2.203
Totals	589,928	2.099	764,000	2.117	800,000	478,583
						2.203
Revenue Neutral Rate**						2.128
Less: Transfers	0		0		0	
Net Expenditures	589,928		764,000		800,000	
Total Tax Levied	463,444		463,166		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
Assessed Valuation:	220,747,735		218,734,234		217,223,900	
Outstanding Indebtedness,						
Jan 1,	2024		2025		2026	
G.O. Bonds	0		0		0	
Revenue Bonds	0		0		0	
Other	0		0		0	
Lease Pur. Princ.	0		0		0	
Total	0		0		0	
*Tax rates are expressed in mills.						
**Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988						
Michaelle Bliss						
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51st Annual Hansen Arts & Crafts Fair

Saturday, August 15, 2026

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

If you enjoy sunshine and shopping for handcrafted treasures, spend a fun-filled Saturday in northwest Kansas along Highway 9. The town of Logan, home of the beautifully renovated Dane G. Hansen Museum, hosts one of Kansas’ premier arts and crafts fairs. Join the festivities on Saturday, August 15, 2026, when more than 55 artisans and crafters from Kansas and surrounding states transform the Hansen Plaza into a shopper’s paradise. Admission is free.

The day kicks off with the 5K Run and 2 Mile Fun Walk. Registration and T-shirt pickup begin at 7:00 a.m. at the corner of Douglas and Main Streets. The 5K Run starts at 8:00 a.m., followed by the 2 Mile Fun Walk at 8:15 a.m. All registration fees will benefit Phillips County Hospice Services. Registration forms are available at hansenmuseum.org/5k-run2-mile-fun-walk/, or call the Museum to sign up.

After the race, cool off in the shade and browse the many vendor booths as the fair officially opens at 9:00 a.m. Food vendors will fill the air with irresistible aromas while serving sweet rolls, hamburgers, bratwursts, turkey and noodles, homemade pies, walking tacos, snow cones, kettle corn, and more. There is something

to satisfy every palate. Also beginning at 9:00 a.m., children can enjoy Inflate-o-Fun, featuring giant inflatables.

Live music on two stages will provide entertainment throughout the day. Formerly Three will perform on the south stage at 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 2:00 p.m., while 80 Proof Alice will perform on the north stage at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Throughout the day, visitors can watch skilled artisans demonstrate their craft around the Plaza. Demonstrations include pottery by Rodney Zimmerman, weaving by Sally Brandon, blacksmithing by Brien Bethke, watercolor painting by Cindy Balthazor, oil painting by David Vollbracht, airbrush face painting by Color Me Crazy Face Painting, and fast-draw shooting by the Deer Creek Regulators.

Be sure to stroll across the street to the Logan Library, where quilter Janie Lowry will present her “Now You See It, Now You Don’t” 9-Patch Quilt Demonstration at 10:30 a.m. Then return at 12:30 p.m. to hear miniature quilt artist Elaine Boese share her passion for creating miniature quilts. On the opposite end of the block, Iowa chainsaw artist Blair Smith will amaze spectators with his chainsaw artistry

throughout the day. Be sure to stop and watch this talented artist at work. Two of his original sculptures will be given away during drawings at 10:45 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. While you’re in Logan, take time to step inside the Hansen Museum and explore the galleries. On display is Going Places, an interactive exhibition created by Scitech of Perth, Australia, and produced by Imagine of Atlanta, Georgia. This engaging exhibition is a favorite with visitors of all ages, so don’t miss the opportunity to experience it.

While inside the Museum, stop by the membership table to purchase or renew your Hansen Museum membership. Everyone who purchases or renews a membership during the Arts & Crafts Fair will automatically be entered into the Hansen Bucks drawings. A total of \$500 in Hansen Bucks, redeemable just like cash with Arts & Crafts Fair vendors, will be awarded during drawings at 10:45 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Winners must be present to claim and spend their Hansen Bucks.

The highlight of the day will be the selection of 12 new Artist of the Month winners, along with two alternates. Crafters are judged on originality, quality of craftsmanship, and booth presentation. Winners will be announced at 2:45

p.m., with awards and photographs following the fair’s 3:00 p.m. closing.

Join us for the 51st Annual Hansen Arts & Crafts Fair on Saturday, August 15, 2026, on the beautiful Hansen Plaza in downtown Logan, Kansas. Come hungry, bring your wallet, and wear your walking shoes. Spend the day enjoying shopping, entertainment, delicious food, and family fun—we look forward to seeing you!

“Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.”

Edward Everett Hale