



City of Topeka

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From the City Manager's Desk

July 29th, 2019

Tobacco 21 Enforcement

On June 28, 2019, the Kansas Supreme Court upheld the validity of Topeka's "T- 21" Ordinance No. 20099 which prohibits the sale of cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, tobacco products, and liquid nicotine to anyone under the age of 21. The ordinance also prohibits buying any of those products for a

By city ordinance, cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, and tobacco products may be sold only to person **21** years of age and older.

City of Topeka Ordinance # 20099

By law, cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, and tobacco products may be sold only to persons 18 years of age and older. K.S.A. 79-3321(r).



person under the age of 21. The ordinance can be accessed at the City's website:

<https://www.topeka.org/cityclerk/ordinances-resolutions/ordinances/>

The Kansas Supreme Court issued its mandate on July 26, 2019 which means that the ordinance is now enforceable.

For retailers, the Kansas Department of Revenue has designed a sign that complies with state law and can be used in cities that have passed T-21 ordinances.

<https://www.ksrevenue.org/bustaxtypescig.html>

If retailers want to download the sign, go to

<https://www.topeka.org/news/t-21-ordinance/>.



Utilities Facebook Live

The Utilities Department is starting a monthly facebook live video series to keep you informed on Utilities activities.

This month the Utilities Department talks about their meter replacement program. Old meters are being switched out with new AMI readers that take readings every 15 minutes allowing leaks and other problems to be detected earlier.

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Road Construction

The City of Topeka Public Works Department is kicking off construction season. Each week, the weekly report will have updates on the road construction projects in Topeka.

You can check out the City of Topeka's [pavement condition index](#) (PCI) and [street maintenance program](#) to see how the Public Works Department fixes our streets.

Extreme heat this week will limit concrete work in the afternoons. Temperatures pushing 100 degrees with a heat index for 110+ is dangerous for the contractors as well as city inspection staff.

Construction highlights:



- Work continuing on 29th near Fairlawn and at the I-470 ramp and McClure. Significant concrete pours this week.
- Traffic signal work at 27th and Burlingame is complete.
- Work on Clarion Woods, Chesney Park, SE Adams and NW Vail continuing.
- Arvonja/Winding Road subgrade preparations complete and rock base placement began this week.
- Asphalt placed on Gary Ormsby Road this week.
- The Tennessee Town SORT project is under construction.
- Pedestrian bridge over the Shunga in Quinton Heights is under construction.
- Work on SW 17th (Fairlawn to MacVicar) is underway. Eastbound lane was milled down 2" and subgrade patching between Fairlawn and Gage was completed on Wednesday. Subgrade work between Gage and MacVicar continuing. Once subgrade work in eastbound lane is complete, the lane will receive an asphalt overlay. This same process will be repeated on the westbound lane. The project is being done to improve road conditions until complete reconstruction starts in 2023.
- Micro-surfacing project is continuing and is approximately 40% complete.
- Mill/overlay, curb & gutter along with alley approach work started in the Oakland area this week.

Recent Updates



- There have been 32 broken [water mains](#) in July with 245 breaks year to date. At this time last year there were 422 water main breaks.
- Public Works filled 359 potholes; 27,587 so far this year.
- Meter services exchanged 243 meters this week to the AMI meters. 6,804 meters have been exchanged in 168 days.

2020 Budget

The 2020 Proposed Budget was released to the public on June 17.

The Proposed Budget can be viewed at

<https://www.topeka.org/finance/budget/>. The public can explore the budget on the City's open budget portal (<http://budget.topeka.org/>).

The Governing Body was presented the 2020 Proposed Budget at the June 18 City Council meeting followed by a public budget work session on June 19.

There will be another public work session on the budget on June 25th from 6-8 p.m. at the Law Enforcement Center.

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Coming Up

- The next City Council meeting will be held on August 13th.
 - Touch a Truck event – Downtown Topeka August 31, 2019
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Brent Trout

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- [Visualize Topeka's \\$270M budget](#)
- [See Topeka's expenses, one check at a time](#)



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