

Odessa Outlook

Monthly Newsletter

CALENDAR

Meetings/Court are held at the Community Building at 601 W Main, Odessa

April 7, 2026

Election Day

April 13, 2026

Board of Aldermen Meeting – 6:00 pm

April 15, 2026

Park Board Meeting – 7:00 pm

April 16, 2026

Planning & Zoning Meeting – 6:00 pm

April 27, 2026

Finance Committee – 4:30 pm

Board of Aldermen Meeting – 6:00 pm



Voting in the April Election

The annual election of officials of the City of Odessa will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026. Voting locations are the Community Building at Dyer Park and the New Horizons Presbyterian Church on Hwy 131. Please check your voter registration card for your location.

Positions up for election are Mayor and an Alderman in each of the three wards, all of which serve a term of two years. Candidates are:

Mayor

Bryan Barner
Bruce Whitsitt

Alderman Ward 1

Mickey Starr

Alderman Ward 2

Amy Finch
Ron Finn

Alderman Ward 3

Forest Palmer

In addition to electing City Officials, voters will also consider two important Propositions (please see the included insert for more information on both):

City of Odessa Proposition A

Shall the City of Odessa, Missouri impose a citywide sales tax of Three-Eighths of One Percent (3/8 of 1%) for a period not to exceed thirty (30) years from the date it is first imposed for the purpose of improving the public safety of the City, including to pay debt service on financing obligations to construct, improve, equip, and maintain a police station, with expenditures subject to oversight by a citizen advisory committee to be established by the Board of Aldermen?



City of Odessa Proposition U

Shall the City of Odessa, Missouri impose local use tax at the same rate as the local sales tax rate, currently Two and One-Half Percent (2.5%), in order to provide revenue for street maintenance, street improvements, and transportation purposes; provided that if the sales tax rate is reduced or raised by voter approval, the local use tax rate shall also be reduced or raised by the same action?

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We also encourage you to visit the City's website at www.cityofodessamo.com and follow the City of Odessa's Facebook page @odessamissouri for important information about city updates, meetings, and events.



How Can We Help You?

The screenshot shows the City of Odessa website interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: DEPARTMENTS, YOUR GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS, COMMUNITY, and HOW DO I... Below the tabs is a large image of a 'Welcome to ODESSA' sign. Underneath the sign are four circular icons representing different services: MEETINGS & AGENDAS, PAY MY BILL, REPORT A CONCERN, and MUNICIPAL COURT. Below this is a 'City News' section with four news items:

- 2026 Missouri Blue Shield Program** (February 25, 2025): The City of Odessa, Missouri, received official word from the Missouri Department of Public Safety that we have earned the Missouri Blue Shield Designation for 2026. This honor recognizes Missouri communities that demonstrate their commitment to urba...
- Sign Up Now for Utility Service Text Alerts!** (January 2, 2026): Stay Informed About Utility Services: Register for the City's mass notification system to: Get instant alerts about power outages, water service interruptions, and any other disruptions. Receive real-time updates on repair progress and est...
- Police Facility Proposal** (November 19, 2025): Learn all about the proposed 300-cent Public Safety Sales Tax, including the project's reduced scope, the tax sunset, and the citizen-led oversight committee. We are committed to transparency and ensuring you have all of the information you need be...
- City of Odessa Code of Ordinances** (October 8, 2025): The Code of Ordinances for the City of Odessa may now be found online in an easy-to-search format through Municode.