

AUGUST 2026

City of Odessa, Missouri

Odessa Outlook

Monthly Newsletter

2026 Puddle Jumper Days

Puddle Jumper Days will take place from Thursday, August 13, to Saturday, August 15. The carnival will begin set up on Monday, August 10, closing Dryden from Russell to Second Street (131 Hwy). Then starting around 11:00 am on Thursday, additional road closures will take place in the downtown area, including Second Street from Cobb Ave to the alleyway by Ralph O Jones Funeral Home. The majority of the streets, including Second Street, will be back open for traffic by Sunday morning, August 16.

Due to street closures, the only vehicle access to City Hall during Puddle Jumper Days will be the alleyway between Dryden and Mason off First Street. For the most updated information about the 2026 Puddle Jumper Days please visit their Facebook page @puddlejumperdays.

Reminder – Updates to ECA Credit Process

ECA credits for current utility account holders have been applied to this month's bill. The Adjustment line in the top right corner of your bill shows your ECA credit. The bottom right corner shows your remaining balance due or credit balance after the adjustment has been applied. If your ECA credit is more than your current bill, the remaining credit will automatically carry over to your next billing cycle. No additional action is required.

Former utility customers: If you have not yet applied for your ECA credit, you must submit your application by March 31, 2027, to receive your credit. This helps ensure the City has your current forwarding address so your check can be mailed to the correct location. You may apply in person at City Hall or by filling out the online form <https://forms.gle/nySszBi4JvkCko359>. If you have questions, please contact City Hall at 816-230-5577.

Odessa Business Licenses and Liquor Licenses

The deadline to renew Odessa business licenses and liquor licenses was July 1, 2026. All licenses renewed after July 15 are subject to a late penalty. Per city ordinance, the city or its designee is hereby authorized to conduct safety inspections of any licensed business establishment within the Odessa city limits not more than one (1) time per calendar year unless a complaint is submitted. Any person opening or establishing a new business within the city, including within an existing building or structure, shall be subject to an initial occupancy inspection prior to occupancy or commencement of operations to determine compliance with all applicable building, fire, life safety, health, and property maintenance codes.

CALENDAR

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

August 10, 2026

Board of Aldermen Meeting – 6:00 pm

August 11, 2026

Municipal Court – 9:30 pm

August 19, 2026

Park Board Meeting – 7:00 pm

August 20, 2026

Planning & Zoning Meeting – 6:00 pm

August 24, 2026

Finance Committee – 4:30 pm

Board of Aldermen Meeting – 6:00 pm



Property Maintenance and Nuisances

The City of Odessa is committed to working in partnership with its citizens to maintain a pleasant living and working environment. Our property maintenance ordinances are intended to protect the life, health, safety and welfare of our residents. We adopted the 2012 International Property Maintenance Code in August of 2017. Through a cooperative effort, we can maintain property values and create a better quality of life within our community.

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LITTER, TRASH, AND JUNK

Exterior property must be free from garbage, trash, piles of lumber, old furniture, mattresses, appliances, etc. Not only are these items an eyesore but they are unsafe and can result in rodent and/or insect infestations.

TREES, GRASS, AND WEEDS

- Grass and weeds must be under 10 inches.
- Fallen trees, limbs, or piles of brush are not allowed to accumulate.
- Trees that constitute a hazard to the safety of a person or property must be removed.

VEHICLES

- Vehicles must be parked on an approved hard surface such as concrete or asphalt. You cannot park a vehicle in your yard.
- Only one unlicensed, operational vehicle may be in a driveway – never parked on the street.
- No damaged, disassembled, or inoperable vehicles may be parked on your property.
- Repairs can be made to a vehicle if the work is performed inside an approved structure.



In most instances, the person responsible for a code violation is given the opportunity to correct the situation, usually within 30 days. If the issue is not abated by the deadline, tickets may be written and the person will be financially responsible for any costs incurred by the City to correct the issue. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Police Department at 816-633-7575 or email at odessapd@cityofodessamo.com.