

JULY 2026

City of Odessa, Missouri

Odessa Outlook

Monthly Newsletter

City Hall Closed

City Hall will be closed on Friday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day. We hope you have a great holiday!

Updates to the ECA Credit Process

The City of Odessa has approved updates to the Energy Cost Adjustment (ECA) refund procedure to simplify the process for customers and eliminate waiver requirements. In addition, there is now a longer application period for former utility customers seeking refunds.

Under the revised ordinance, current electric utility customers will automatically receive ECA credits based on City utility records with no application or waiver required. If you previously signed an ECA waiver to obtain your refund, that waiver is now considered void and not enforceable by the City of Odessa. If you have any questions, please call City Hall at 816-230-5577.

Former Odessa utility customers who may be eligible for a refund can apply online with an extended deadline of March 31, 2027, at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdLhL39ivuyk9SXcd8jG_oNm_BXmxOAdsG_Y9H4NICmeDDBEw/viewform?usp=header.

Odessa Business Licenses and Liquor Licenses

The deadline to renew Odessa business licenses and liquor licenses is July 1, 2026. If you have a business operating in Odessa, you are required to have an annual safety inspection before a license will be issued per Odessa Code of Ordinances Sec. 12-35 - Inspections. All licenses renewed after July 15 shall be 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.

Missouri Primacy & Sewer Connection Fees

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR), requires community water systems to collect a Primacy Fee and a Sewer Connection Fee from each customer for the administration of the Safe Drinking Water Act. This fee appears on the July utility bill as a once a year charge. All fees collected are sent to the Missouri DNR. Level pay customers will see the fees added to their July's level bill.

CALENDAR

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

July 3, 2026

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July 13, 2026

Board of Aldermen Meeting – 6:00 pm

July 14, 2026

Municipal Court – 9:30 pm

July 15, 2026

Park Board Meeting – 7:00 pm

July 16, 2026

Planning & Zoning Meeting – 6:00 pm

July 27, 2026

Board of Aldermen Meeting – 6:00 pm

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For general information and/or questions about the City of Odessa, please contact City Hall at 816-230-5577, or visit our website at www.cityofodessamo.com.

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Fourth of July Celebrations

Odessa residents may shoot off fireworks within city limits on residential property on Thursday, July 2, during the hours of 8:00 am and 11:00 pm, and on July 3 and 4, during the hours of 8:00 am and midnight with the following restrictions:

- No fireworks may be ignited in streets or alleyways.
- Bottle rocket fireworks are prohibited.
- No fireworks ignited within 600 feet of a church or school.
- Ignited fireworks may not be thrown from, into, or at a vehicle.

There are numerous activities scheduled on the 4th of July in Odessa. Starting at 10:00 am there will be a parade down First Street, passing the 1912 field, and then circling back with additional viewing on Second Street. Following the parade, there will be a community meal at the 1912 field.

Then, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm, come join your friends and neighbors on the 1912 field to enjoy booth games and community contests. A cooling area and indoor restrooms will be available thanks to the First United Methodist Church.

Finally, head out to Dyer Park at 5:30 pm to celebrate with vendors including Kyla's Cakes, Sno Station, Weenies & Paninis, Keck's Root Beer, Elvis Kitchen, Blended Bliss, and Kona Ice. And to cap off the day, enjoy the fireworks display beginning around 10:00 pm.

Visit the Odessa Semiquincentennial Committee Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/people/Odessa-Semiquincentennial-Committee/61583560042897/> for more information.

City Dog Pound

Per City Ordinance, the Odessa Police Department picks up and houses stray or lost dogs found within Odessa city limits. While the majority of these dogs are reunited with their families, a few are sadly never claimed. If you are looking to add a furry friend to your family, please consider contacting the Police Department at 816-633-7575 to see if they have any dogs available for adoption.

Also, remember that more pets go missing during the Fourth of July festivities than at any other time of year. Loud fireworks can be very frightening to many pets and cause them to run if left unattended and/or loose. Please keep your animals contained in a quiet, escape-proof area of your home.