

City of Paducah

2026 Board of Commissioners
Priorities Update



2025-2026 Commission Priorities Highlights

In early 2025, the Paducah Board of Commissioners (BOC) established the city’s priorities for 2025-2026. This report provides an update on accomplishments and challenges as implementation proceeds.



Downtown/Economic Development



Status:

- ◆ Main Street transitioned to external organization.
 - City providing initial funding.
 - 21 new projects downtown.
- ◆ Planning and public works implemented enhanced fall and winter decorations downtown.
- ◆ Abandoned Urban Properties Vacancy Tax Ordinance adopted. Implementation in 2026 on property tax bills.
- ◆ Riverfront Development/BUILD Grant began mobilizing in 2024. Substantial completion expected in June 2026.



Southside Revitalization



Status:

- ◆ Southside Revitalization Plan adopted and implementation underway.
- ◆ Created and appointed the Urban Renewal Community Development Agency.
- ◆ Inventoried Phase 1 properties and enacted housing incentives.

Deadline and Upcoming Milestones:

- ◆ Focus on community partnerships and communications. Examples include banners along Walter Jetton, newsletters, and community events.



Support for Human and Social Services



Status:

- ◆ Executed three homeless services grants for a total amount of \$125,000.
- ◆ Signed a \$200,000 agreement in support of the Paducah Cooperative Ministry to remodel a building to be used as a temporary 24-hour emergency shelter for men, women, and children.

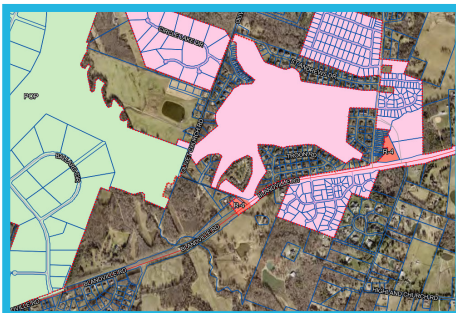


Residential Rental Property Occupancy Permitting



Status:

- ◆ An updated ordinance is under discussion by the governing body, with initial feedback and deliberations underway.
- ◆ Code enforcement officer recruitment underway.



Growth



Status:

- ◆ Consensual annexation of approximately 2.57 acres at 1541 Olivet Church Road and 6615 Blandville Road.



City Facilities



Status:

- ◆ Facility improvement projects complete or underway at the public works building, fire station #1, and city hall.
- ◆ Future facilities achievements include:
 - Funding in FY26 budget.
 - Parks maintenance building design underway.
 - Police building land acquisition.

Deadline and Upcoming Milestones:

- ◆ Creating a capital improvement program to address larger facility needs for police, city hall, parks maintenance, and fire stations.



Quality Housing



Status:

- ◆ Katterjohn property being considered for potential residential development and is part of ongoing planning discussions.
- ◆ Number of calendar year 2025 permits completed.
 - 23 single family new builds (condos, townhomes, and houses).
 - 119 rental units.

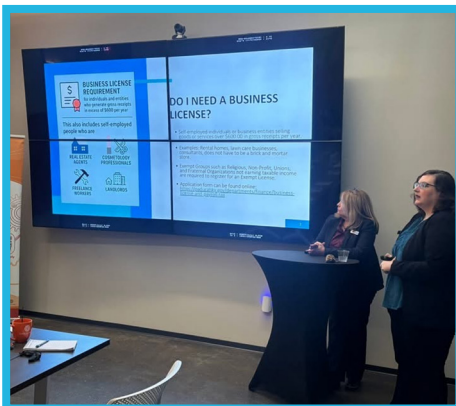


City Staffing Needs



Status:

- ◆ Department efficiencies achieved through the use of technology in human resources, customer experience, police, public works, fire department (both suppression and prevention), and finance.
- ◆ Position recruitment updates:
 - Three firefighter and recreation specialist recruitments completed.
 - Recruiting for the positions of assistant planning director and code enforcement officer.

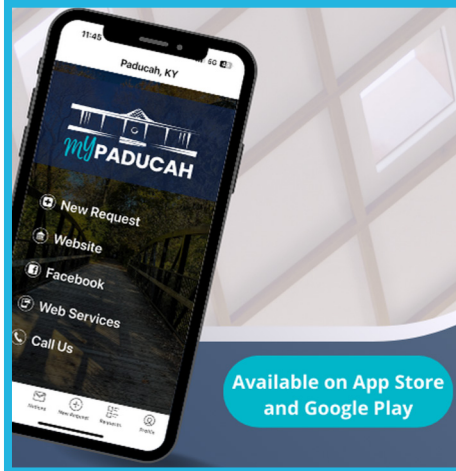


Revenue Equity



Status:

- ◆ The minimum business license fee has increased from \$35 to \$50.
- ◆ Increasing the gross receipts threshold over a five-year period.
- ◆ Recovered \$700,000 in revenue from various collection efforts from unfiled (existing but not registered with the city), unpaid, 1099s, business licenses, payroll, and property taxes.
- ◆ 1,200 newly registered businesses.



Quality of Life



Status:

- ◆ Created a tree voucher program to restore Paducah’s tree canopy and provide shade trees for future generations.
- ◆ Recycling is fully absorbed into the solid waste fee. There are over 2,000 customers.
- ◆ Brush is picked up weekly without customers having to call in.
- ◆ New MyPaducah app provides more ways to request service, report issues, or ask a question. Created a partnership with SeeClickFix through CivicPlus.
- ◆ Staff reviewed Paducah’s zoning ordinance, and it is very supportive of small-scale child care operations, including Certified Family Child Care homes. Staff will develop a detailed proposal for next steps.
- ◆ Paducah Area Transit System – Implemented fixed routes with stops and real-time bus updates.

Deadline and Upcoming Milestones:

- ◆ Public/private transportation – Explore a pilot program to improve Uber and Lyft availability on weekends. A full proposal will be brought forward for review once the initial planning is complete.
- ◆ Bulk item pick up enhancements starting in 2026.



Continuous Improvement - Mental Health

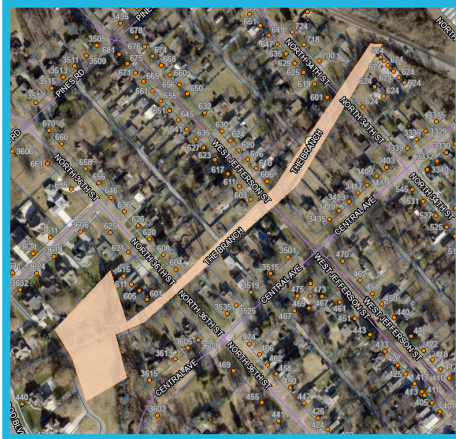


Status:

- ◆ Community Awareness Efforts completed in May.
- ◆ Organizational Activities completed in May.

Deadline and Upcoming Milestones:

- ◆ Preparing for 2026 Mental Health Awareness Month.



Continuous Improvement - Stormwater



Status:

- ◆ Branch Street grant application submitted.
- ◆ Branch Street parallel pipe conveyance with additional storage. The project will provide additional conveyance via a large-diameter pipe parallel to the existing storm sewer. The existing side-saddle detention basins will be reconstructed to provide staged peak-flow control.

Deadline and Upcoming Milestones:

- ◆ Capital Improvement Program - Stormwater projects.



Continuous Improvement - Trails & Bike Lanes



Status:

- ◆ Completed GWT Southside Extension conceptual map.
- ◆ Design and Engineering Procurement - Executed contract with local engineering firm for design and engineering.

Deadline and Upcoming Milestones:

- ◆ Regional Steering Committee.
- ◆ Design & Engineering Contract executed.
- ◆ Fund the Capital Improvement Plan.



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2025 - 2026 Commission Priorities Next Steps

Priorities Affirmation Retreat — Jan. 16, 2026