

OPINION

More than 100 new laws on the Kansas books

Kansas lawmakers passed 129 bills that became law in the state with 101 taking effect July 1.

The new Kansas laws are a mixture of bipartisan legislation and some that Gov. Laura Kelly initially vetoed before Republican legislators overrode her vetoes. Some of the highlights are child care, firearms, and traffic.

House Bill 2045 aims to reduce the child care shortage in Kansas by consolidating more than 20 state child care programs into the Kansas Office of Early Childhood. The bill also allows fewer education requirements for some workers in a childcare facility.

Another new law focuses on child support payments. Under House Bill 2062, pregnant women can seek child support at conception. The bill also recognizes unborn children as dependents, qualifying parents for a more than \$2,000 income tax exemption.

Senate Bill 137 allows Kansas law enforcement agencies to sell or transfer forfeited firearms

to a licensed firearms dealer. Forfeited firearms are guns that law enforcement seizes because they believed the guns were involved in criminal activity.

A new traffic law is an expansion to the state's slow down, move over law, which previously covered emergency, tow, utility, and maintenance vehicles. The new law requires drivers to move over a lane, or, if moving over isn't possible, slow down when passing a stopped or disabled car with hazards or warning signals.

The Kansas Department of Transportation reported that almost 1,000 empty vehicles were stuck on the side of a road from 2018 to 2023. Failure to move over or slow down could result in a \$75 fine.

Other notable new laws include:

- A law bans gender-affirming care for minors, which includes puberty-suppressing drugs, cross-sex hormones and gender reassignment surgery.
- Kansas doubled the amount individuals and organizations can donate to political candi-

dates, and removed the cap on contributions from partisan committees to candidates. People can now donate \$4,000 to people seeking a statewide office, \$2,000 to state senate candidates and \$1,000 for campaigns for the house and local offices.

- Tax laws were modified, including a gradual shift to a flat income tax.
- Senate Bill 4 eliminated the state's three-day grace period for mailed ballots. Kansas would previously accept mailed ballots within three days of Election Day, provided it was postmarked on or before Election Day.
- The date communities can hold special elections was narrowed, and now must be on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March, or the same day as the primary or general election.
- House Bill 2016 makes an obituary notice from a funeral grounds to remove someone from the voter rolls and allows military spouses to work as poll workers.
- House Bill 2382 requires Kansas schools to show a presentation on fetal development any time there's instruction regarding human growth, development or sexuality.
- Property owners will receive some tax relief with Senate Bill 35, which eliminates 1.5 mills of state property tax used to fund government buildings. That funding is now supposed to come from other revenue.
- Intended as an economic development incentive, Senate Bill 98 gives a sales tax exemption to data centers.
- Redevelopers of historic buildings will get enhanced tax credits from Senate Bill 227.
- HB 2231 is a bundle that includes tying income thresholds to inflation for a tax freeze program under the Homestead Property Tax Refund Act; and Exempt ATVs, UTVs, dirt bikes, golf carts, motorized bikes, e-bikes, electric scooters, trailers weighing less than 15,000 pounds, any watercraft and any watercraft trailer from personal property taxes.
- Senate Bill 9 restricts foreign land ownership around military bases. The law also prohibits buying drones whose critical components were made in a country of concern.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2025-05

AN ORDINANCE IN CITY OF WINCHESTER, KANSAS, AMENDING CITY OF WINCHESTER CODE TO INCLUDE CHAPTER 11, ARTICLE 2, § 11-202, A LOUD NOISE ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, under the Kansas Constitution Article 12, § 5 and K.S.A. 12-101, the City of Winchester has powers to determine its local affairs and governance by ordinance; and WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Winchester, Kansas has authority to adopt ordinances to provide for the health, welfare, and enjoyment of citizens and persons present within its city limits; and

WHEREAS, the Code of the City of Winchester, Kansas includes nuisance ordinances and has adopted the Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas; and WHEREAS, the Code of the City of Winchester, Kansas does not provide for a specific noise ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Winchester, Kansas has determined a need for regulation of loud noises within the city limits.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WINCHESTER, KANSAS: the Code of the City of Winchester, Kansas Chapter 11, Article 2, §11-202 shall regulate loud noises within the city limits as follows:

“11-202. Loud noise prohibited.

The following shall be unlawful: All noises or noise producing activities that are repetitive, excessive, unreasonable, or unusually loud and that would disturb, offend, or annoy a person of ordinary sensitivity, including, but not limited to:

(a) Unreasonable noises during quiet hours, including:

(1) Any sound resulting from the erecting, constructing, excavating, demolishing, altering, or repairing of any structure, as to cause a sound plainly audible to neighboring inhabitants of a reasonable and ordinary sensitivity between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.;

(2) The repairing, rebuilding, or modifying of any motor vehicle, motorcycle, or motorboat in such a manner as to cause a sound plainly audible to neighboring inhabitants of a reasonable and ordinary sensitivity between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.;

(3) The operating of any power tool, garden tool, lawn-

mower, snow blower, or other similar equipment or device in residential areas in such a manner as to cause a sound plainly audible to neighboring inhabitants of reasonable and ordinary sensitivity between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.;

(4) The operating, playing, permitting, or causing to be operated or played any sound amplification or producing device or similar equipment in a manner as to cause a sound plainly audible to neighboring inhabitants of a reasonable and ordinary sensitivity between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.;

(5) The creation of noise in connection with loading or unloading any vehicle, in the opening and destruction of bales, boxes, crates, and containers, in residential areas in such a manner as to cause a sound plainly audible to neighboring inhabitants of reasonable and ordinary sensitivity.

(b) Exemptions. The prohibitions set forth in subsection (a) shall not apply to:

(1) Emergency work necessary to restore property to a safe condition or to protect a person and property from imminent danger;

(2) Emergency vehicles;

(3) Alarm systems;

(4) Trash and waste removal operations;

(5) Aircraft or railroad activities;

(6) Church bells and campanile chimes; and

(7) Noises as a part of, or in consequence to, the exercise of constitutionally protected rights including speech, assembly, association, protest, or religion.

(c) Penalty. Should any person fail to comply with the ordinances within this section they shall be punished in accordance with § 1-117.”

Effective date: July 11, 2025

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON THIS DAY 2 OF July, 2025.

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS DAY 2 OF July, 2025.


/s/ MAYOR Jared Pemberton

ATTEST: City Clerk

of Winchester, Kansas

Date: 7/2/25

/s/ Whitney Bryant




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FINANCIAL STATEMENT BEGINNING JANUARY 1 TO JUNE 30, 2025

FUND	BEG. BAL.	EXPENSES	INCOME	END. BAL.
Animal Control	\$640.16	\$640.16	-\$0.00	-\$0.00
General	\$6,298.33	\$12,161.08	\$14,037.09	\$8,174.34
Special Works	\$1,792.10	\$68,751.82	\$82,252.04	\$15,292.32
Water	\$92,014.94	\$35,368.37	\$47,042.81	\$103,689.38
Equipment Reserve	-\$0.00	-\$0.00	-\$0.00	-\$0.00
Napoleon Boone Gd.	\$793.65	\$601.98	-\$0.00	\$191.67
Delin. Water & Sewer	\$7,760.44	-\$0.00	\$1,032.50	\$8,792.94
Lagoon	\$35,113.00	\$22,427.72	\$23,239.54	\$35,924.82
TOTALS	\$144,412.62	\$139,951.13	\$167,603.98	\$172,065.47

DATE	MEMO	AMOUNT
Advantage Computer		
2/2/2025	18756	417.50
Alexander Pump		
4/7/2025	18833	1,156.00
Buck's Deck Building		
3/31/2025	18816	2,361.00
Capital Belt & Supply, Inc.		
2/2/2025	18755	40.45
6/2/2025	18877	69.53
Central Tank Coating		
4/21/2025	18509	11,500.00
6/2/2025	18883	3,500.00
Chuck's Heating & Cooling		
2/10/2025	18771	162.00
CNH Industrial Accounts		
4/7/2025	18831	374.04
Corre & Main		
1/31/2025	187417	285.70
Davis Publications, Inc.		
2/10/2025	18772	228.00
6/10/2025	18886	28.00
DC&B Supply, Inc.		
1/6/2025	18726	639.78
Division of Environment		
5/19/2025	18864	185.00
DL Smith Electric		
3/31/2025	18818	605.00
Edwards Chemicals		
1/20/2025	18745	336.00
5/5/2025	18851	585.00
Elaine Buscher		
3/24/2025	18814	244.54
Ferrellgas		
2/10/2025	18769	1,402.71
3/24/2025	18813	403.53
4/14/2025	18834	1,027.81
6/23/2025	18898	251.81
6/30/2025	18908	100.00
Finlay Automotive Supply		
3/10/2025	18798	56.78
FleetPride		
2/2/2025	18760	85.49
6/30/2025	18900	153.88
Free State		
1/6/2025	18739	1,427.63
2/17/2025	18776	1,666.21
3/17/2025	18805	1,622.73
4/14/2025	18841	1,495.33
5/19/2025	18862	1,295.87
6/16/2025	18891	1,252.43

DATE	MEMO	AMOUNT
Hamm		
2/24/2025	18781	1,398.72
5/7/2025	18875	711.45
Heinen Repair		
3/17/2025	18803	546.99
Home Depot		
1/27/2025	18749	69.17
2/24/2025	18783	921.56
5/27/2025	18867	53.52
Jackson Farmers		
3/31/2025	18815	2,091.25
6/30/2025	18905	1,165.65
Jeff. Co. Auxiliary Dept.		
3/17/2025	18804	56.00
4/21/2025	18906	35.00
Jeff. Co. Treasurer		
1/20/2025	18736	14.75
6/16/2025	18892	28.50
Jim's Parts City		
1/20/2025	18740	92.10
1/27/2025	18750	106.97
2/10/2025	18773	10.98
3/3/2025	18792	30.37
5/27/2025	18869	107.44
KS Unemployment		
3/31/2025	18828	22.76
KDOR Misc. Tax		
1/27/2025	18751	60.08
4/14/2025	18839	188.65
KDHE Lab		
2/2/2025	18762	200.00
4/21/2025	18843	120.00
KRWA		
2/2/2025	18752	146.00
KNA Diggins		
1/6/2025	18727	1,050.00
6/2/2025	18878	1,142.00
Logan Business Machines		
3/3/2025		158.40
Lone Star Tire Center		
2/17/2025	18775	45.00
3/3/2025	18787	150.00
5/27/2025	18873	40.00
LSVID		
2/2/2025	18767	2,684.32
2/17/2025	18780	2,297.42
3/17/2025	18809	2,378.38
4/14/2025	18840	2,384.46
5/27/2025	18872	3,102.76
6/30/2025	18902	1,620.08

DATE	MEMO	AMOUNT
Martin Ross		
3/24/2025	18812	175.54
Malsbury Electric		
5/5/2025	18853	6,959.57
Masters Telecom		
1/6/2025	18735	32.25
1/27/2025	18748	32.25
3/10/2025	18799	32.25
3/31/2025	18826	32.25
4/28/2025	18849	32.25
5/27/2025	18874	32.25
6/30/2025	18907	30.00
Met Life		
3/31/2025	18823	255.00
4/28/2025	18845	85.00
5/19/2025	18865	85.00
6/16/2025	18890	85.00
Midwest Professional Insurance		
3/3/2025	18788	7,358.08
6/2/2025	18879	7,343.71
NEK Environmental Services		
6/23/2025	18893	100.00
Oskaloosa Independent		
6/10/2025	18885	32.50
O'Reilly's		
2/2/2025	18757	261.66
Patchen		
2/10/2025	18770	1,089.72
Quill		
3/17/2025	18811	173.08
Rick's Trucking		
2/2/2025	18754	525.00
3/3/2025	18784	640.00
6/2/2025	18882	320.00
SM Ball		
1/6/2025	18725	950.00
2/10/2025	18737	521.00
1/27/2025	18746	500.00
2/2/2025	18758	450.00
2/10/2025	18768	500.00
2/24/2025	18782	975.00
3/3/2025	18791	475.00
3/10/2025	18797	475.00
3/17/2025	18801	475.00
3/24/2025	18810	500.00
3/31/2025	18817	500.00
4/7/2025	18832	500.00
4/14/2025	18835	500.00
4/21/2025	18842	500.00
4/28/2025	18844	500.00

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5/5/2025	18854	500.00
5/19/2025	18868	1,000.00
5/27/2025	18866	500.00
6/2/2025	18881	500.00
6/10/2025	18884	1,000.00
6/23/2025	18896	500.00
6/30/2025	18903	500.00
Sondra Moore		
3/31/2025	18874	79.86
Synchrony Bank		
1/6/2025	18731	14.00
T&B Lawn & Landscape		
1/20/2025	18738	3,525.00
Tractor Supply		
1/6/2025	18730	85.94
2/2/2025	18753	17.03
3/3/2025	18786	101.98
3/31/2025	18827	17.99
4/28/2025	18850	161.58
6/30/2025	18904	18.99
USA Blue Book		
5/12/2025	18858	323.62
Verizon		
1/6/2025	18729	427.48
2/2/2025	18759	427.59
3/3/2025	18793	427.59
3/31/2025	18825	427.72
5/5/2025	18855	427.65
5/27/2025	18876	427.65
6/30/2025	18909	427.65
Visa		
1/6/2025	18729	763.48
2/2/2025	18761	2,791.52
3/7/2025	18785	221.27
4/4/2025	18822	111.21
5/5/2025	18855	427.65
6/30/2025	18899	201.76
Waters Hardware		
2/17/2025	18774	38.76
3/3/2025	18789	18.99
3/10/2025	18800	56.08
3/17/2025	18802	54.99
5/5/2025	18856	34.98
5/12/2025	18877	43.25
5/27/2025	18868	17.43
6/30/2025	18901	4.22
White Star		
6/23/2025	18894	84.30
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