

# City of Ashland Around Ashland

January 2024



## February 6 Bond Election

On February 6th, 2024, Ashland voters will be asked to decide whether or not bonds funds shall be used to pay for improvements to the City's wastewater treatment plant and collections systems. The City has identified improvements to increase the plant's capacity as well as improvements to the collection system to reduce maintenance costs and address failing infrastructure. Find more information on Page 2 and on our website at [www.ashlandmo.us](http://www.ashlandmo.us) under the Documents Center.

## Ballot Language

Shall the City of Ashland, Missouri, issue its combined waterworks and sewerage system revenue bonds in the amount of \$40,000,000 for the purpose of purchasing, constructing, extending and improving the combined waterworks and sewerage system of the City and acquiring and land and easements necessary therefor, with the principal and interest on said revenue bonds to be payable solely from the revenues derived by the City from the operation of its combined waterworks and sewerage system, including all future extensions and improvements there to?  
YES ( ) NO ( )

### Building Department

Visit us online at [www.ashlandmo.us](http://www.ashlandmo.us) to use our new online permitting tool. Applicants can track their permits, schedule inspections, pay fees, and manage other aspects of their permit all in one place.

### Spring Clean-Up

We will be scheduling spring clean up and spring garage sales soon. Watch our Facebook and Website for more info.

### Police Non Emergency

To speak to an officer or receive a callback, please dial 311 or 573-442-6131 to place a non emergency call through Joint Communications.

# City of Ashland Important Updates

## Bond Purpose

Bond funding will be used for improvements to the wastewater treatment and collections system of the City in order to: increase capacity to meet the demands of the community, improve collection systems to address aging infrastructure, and address infiltration and inflow concerns to prevent stormwater from entering the wastewater treatment system. These projects are divided into various categories to be addressed over the next 10 to 15 years. Phase one projects include an estimated \$14,800,000 in improvements to the wastewater treatment facility. Phase one is broken into three project areas: treatment expansion for approximately \$10,000,000, posttreatment improvements for approximately \$2,000,000, and headworks expansion for approximately \$2,600,000. Phase one projects will occur over the next three to five years with treatment expansion expected to be completed in 2027.

## Why Use Bond Funds?

Revenue bonds provide the least expensive method of paying for sewer improvements. Bonds allow costs to be spread over the life of the loan to help minimize the rate impact to current customers and to allow future City of Ashland sewer customers to help pay for the improvements. Using bond funding is similar to a homeowner using a mortgage to pay for a big expense over time.

## Projects Addressed by This Ballot Issue

### Treatment Improvements:

Aero-Mod Treatment Expansion: \$9,517,776

UV Disinfection and Post-Aeration: \$1,914,104

Headworks Expansion: \$2,649,154

Controls & Garage Building Expansion: \$630,290

Equalization Basin Improvements: \$94,640

TOTAL: \$14,805,964

### Collection Improvements:

Immediate Repairs: \$4,546,019

Regionalization Projects: \$15,699,940

Total: \$20,245,959

### Infiltration and Inflow Reduction:

Total: \$2,596,059

Total Of All Identified Projects: \$37,647,981\*

\*present value cost estimates.

## How Much Are Rates Expected to Increase?

Rate increases are dependent upon numerous factors such as project timing and grants received, as well as whether or not the bond measure is approved by voters. Rates will be adjusted to meet debt obligations to enable the City to pay for the improvements. These increases will be spread out over the life of the loan used to pay for the improvements and could range from 5% to 10% annually.

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## Interested in Serving on a Board of Commission?

The City is currently accepting applications to serve on a Board or Commission. These include the Parks and Recreation Board, the Planning and Zoning Commission, and the Board of Adjustment. These Boards and Commissions are great ways to get involved, learn more about how the City functions, and help guide changes in your community. These Boards and Commissions generally meet once per month to conduct the business coming before them. Scan the QR code below to apply or visit our website to learn more.



[WWW.ASHLANDMO.US](http://WWW.ASHLANDMO.US)

## Other News

- Easter with Richard Rabbit is back again in 2024 but might look a little different this year. Richard Rabbit will be partnering up with Connections Bank to bring an Egg-citing event! More info on this will be posted on our Facebook page as we get more details.
- The Parks and Recreation Board will soon be moving forward with a design consultant to plan and implement changes to City Park. Their hopes are to bring improvements to various areas of the park and provide for better ADA accessibility, lighting, and trail connectivity. Stay tuned for additional updates on this project and how to get involved.
- With the cold weather we wanted to remind everyone that we have a red drop box located outside of City Hall to drop your payment in. You can also pay online, mailing your payment, or coming into City Hall.

## Important Dates

- Board of Aldermen Meetings- Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month
- Parks & Rec Meetings- Every 2nd Monday of every month
- P&Z Meetings- Every 2nd Tuesday of every month
- 2/6 Bond Election Day



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