

Important Updates

Citywide Long-range Planning

- **Cultural Services Strategic Plan:** We've recently launched "All-In Louisville", a long-range strategic plan for Cultural Services, and we want your voice in the process. The plan will guide the future of the Louisville Public Library, the Louisville Historical Museum, and the city's arts, culture, and community events.
- **Comprehensive Plan:** After nearly two years of community input and planning, City Council adopted the updated Comprehensive Plan on March 24, 2026. The plan reflects the community's vision for how Louisville should grow and change over the next 20 years. The next step is updating the **City's Development Code** so new development and redevelopment follow the vision and goals in the Comprehensive Plan.
- **Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Golf Long-range Plan:** The City is creating a new Parks, Recreation & Open Space (PROS) Guidebook to help plan for parks, trails, recreation, senior services, and the golf course for the next 10 years and beyond. During the engagement window in 2025 and early 2026, we heard from over 2,000 community members. We expect City Council to review the first draft of the new plan on August 25.

Visit EngageLouisvilleCO.org for updates on these projects and more. (Development Code website expected to launch late 2026).

TAKE THE CULTURAL SERVICES SURVEY TODAY



Community Development updates

Now open

- Louisville is now home to largest King Soopers marketplace in Colorado, which opened in late June at 1171 West Dillon Road. The King Soopers on South Boulder Rd has extended their lease.

In progress

- Boulder's famous Dark Horse bar is in the process of relocating to the old Outback Steakhouse building at U.S. 36 & McCaslin Boulevard. A grand opening date has not been announced.
- Infrastructure work is underway at Redtail Ridge to prepare the site for future development. Crews are building roads, utilities, trails, and new pedestrian connections, while also making upgrades to the City's wastewater system and working with Xcel on electric service upgrades that will support both the development and other parts of Louisville.
- Construction on the Campus Drive underpass and road improvements is moving forward as planned. Temporary traffic changes will help keep schools and businesses accessible during construction. As work progresses over the next two years, access to properties along Campus Drive will change as different phases are completed. Connection to 96th Avenue is anticipated to be available in Summer 2027, with full improvements completed in 2028.
- City Council will consider approval of a PUD for a new AdventHealth Louisville hospital campus at Redtail Ridge at their August 4 meeting. The construction schedule is still to be determined.
- The University of Colorado Boulder is working with the City on plans to redevelop the former Cinebarre Theater site into staff and graduate student housing with convenient access to transit and the CU campus. Current activity at the site is related to CU using the property to store props for its Theater and Dance departments as well as the Colorado Shakespeare Festival.

Evaluating impact fees

The City has hired a consultant to evaluate the city's impact fees, which are one-time charges imposed on new developments to fund infrastructure costs. City Council will review any proposed changes to impact fees in early 2027.

Affordable housing

City Council approved the first reading of an ordinance to update the development plan for a site in the Centennial Valley Business Park, creating the opportunity for permanently affordable multifamily housing. Any future housing proposal will still require its own public hearings and City Council approval.

2026 Ballot Measures

Historic Preservation Tax extension

City Council is considering referral of a ballot measure to voters to extend the Historic Preservation Sales Tax through 2039. If approved by voters, the existing tax would continue funding historic preservation while allowing more of the revenue to support the Museum and other City historic preservation projects.

Charter amendments

The City Charter is the City's governing document, setting the rules for how Louisville is run and how local decisions are made. City Council is considering referral of several proposed Charter amendments to the 2026 ballot. If approved by voters, the updates would align the Charter with state law and current election practices, modernize outdated language, and clarify City procedures. Proposed amendments that you'll see on your ballot include:

- Align authorized topics for Executive Sessions with State Open Meetings Law
- Align when Council takes office with current election procedures
- Increase initiative and referendum signature requirements
- Update meeting locations
- Add a review and comment requirement for initiatives
- Update outdated language (citizen to members of the public, he/she to they) and add clarifying language (document availability / location)

Water meter replacements

This summer, a contractor for the City is replacing every single water meter in Louisville to improve efficiency and replace meters nearing end-of-life. The switchover requires that all meters are replaced so that they're all on one system. Most meters in Louisville are located inside the home or business, requiring an appointment. Outdoors meters do not require an appointment. Schedule your appointment today online or by phone. Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/MeterReplacement for more info.

"Colorado Connector" rail service to Louisville

In June, City Council approved formal support for Front Range Passenger Rail District's proposed Louisville passenger rail station. This does not commit the City to building the station or providing local funding, but it keeps Louisville eligible for potential future funding if voters approve a regional rail measure. Any future decisions about station design, parking, land use, and local investments would come back to City Council for approval. Visit ColoradoConnector.com for more information.

Preparing for Sundance in 2027

Sundance Film Festival coming to Boulder: If you haven't heard, Sundance is coming to Boulder in 2027, and several City departments are working together with regional partners and organizations to take advantage of this unique tourism opportunity. The City's internal Sundance Committee has identified priority areas to attract visitors to Louisville, enhance existing programs and events, support businesses, and streamline processes for event organizers.

City Council has already approved a Short-Term Rental allowance during the festival (Jan. 11 to Feb. 9, 2027) to provide more housing options in Louisville for visitors. Permits are required, and permit applications are open now. Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/STR for more info. We're planning to host educational sessions in Fall 2026 for those who want to learn more about renting out their home during Sundance.

27/28 Budget Process

City Council kicked off the 27/28 Budget process with a Budget Retreat on July 22. During the retreat, Finance presented the current budget situation to Council. Sales tax revenue is not keeping pace with the City's budget needs, meaning Council will need to make difficult decisions about service levels and spending priorities. City Council expects to review the City Manager's 27/28 proposed operating budget in early September.

E-bikes

The Police Department plans to revisit municipal E-bike/E-motors regulations during a special meeting with Council on Oct. 27. There is also another opportunity for community members to meet with the Police Department to discuss any topics of concern, including E-bikes: our National Night Out event from 5–7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 4 at Police HQ (992 Via Appia).

Water supply update

“Keep Louisville in the Blue”

Our Public Works team has continued closely monitoring water supply during this historic drought. While voluntary restrictions have been helpful, we are trending toward needing to implement mandatory restrictions. Moving to mandatory restrictions would cause significant unbudgeted administrative burden and we would much prefer to reduce water waste by taking a collaborative approach with the community. Reduced water use in combination with predicted increased rainfall coming soon can help “Keep Louisville in the Blue” (see chart below).

In the coming weeks, we’ll be launching a community campaign to reduce water waste. This campaign will include a method for the community to report water waste on private property, and we’re working behind-the-scenes for a process to follow-up on reported issues and educate our commercial customers.



GOAL:

STAY IN THE BLUE

by using water wisely to avoid mandatory water restrictions.

Safety & communication

Cell service

We've heard concerns about cell coverage throughout Louisville. As part of Council's 2026 Work Plan, staff will evaluate opportunities to increase coverage, and present an update and options to Council. We anticipate this item coming to City Council in late Fall 2026.

Louisville joins Boulder Office of Disaster Management

Louisville is joining the Boulder Office of Disaster Management, strengthening the City's ability to prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies. Through this regional partnership, Louisville now has access to shared emergency management expertise, resources, and coordinated planning with Boulder County and the City of Boulder.

Xcel power outages

City Council and staff are aware of the frequent power outages throughout Louisville. We are continuing to work with Xcel to understand the cause of the outages, make recommendations for notifications to the community, and understand planned improvements to provide reliable service.

IMPORTANT LINKS



Cone Zone

Learn about construction projects at LouisvilleCO.gov/ConeZone



Email newsletters

Get important info from the City straight to your inbox at LouisvilleCO.gov/StayConnected



City Problem Reporter

Report problems like potholes, downed branches, or graffiti at LouisvilleCO.gov/Report



New website coming August 2026!

We're moving to a new website platform for improved accessibility, navigation, and customer service. Stay tuned for more info in early August.

When in doubt, email Info@LouisvilleCO.gov. We'll connect you with the right person!

LOUISVILLE BY THE NUMBERS



Economic Vitality

~1,600
businesses

70%
under 5
employees

98%
under 100
employees

17 commercial sites
for sale, average
asking price \$2M

21 retail locations
for lease, 3 for sale

26 industrial
locations for lease

Louisville's largest industries by profession are professional, technology & scientific services, health care & social services, wholesale trade, finance & insurance

10% retail vacancy rate, aligning with national rate

2026 Balanced Budget

The City has passed a balanced budget for 2026 and has strong reserves. As with many cities, Louisville is experiencing increasing costs and flattening revenue growth.

\$84,163,370
budget expenditures total

The City's general fund budget, which is our primary operating budget, is \$28.8 million.

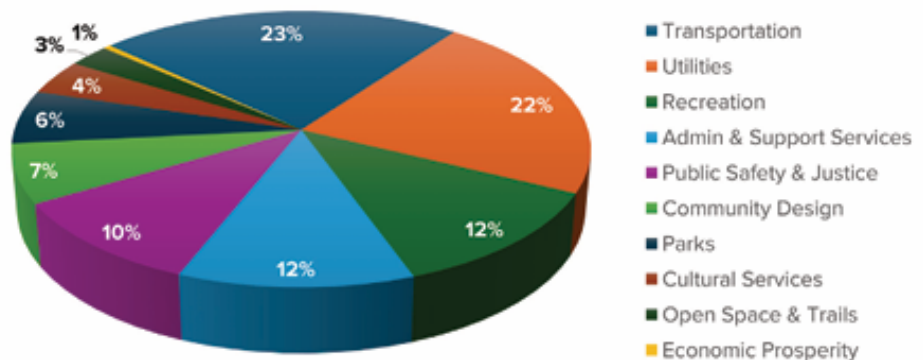
\$86,319,995
total revenues

Most of our tax revenue comes from sales and use taxes. Fees include program fees, impact fees, user fees, etc.

We project approximately 22.7 million dollars in grant funding for various projects in 2026.

Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/Budget for more information on the City's budget.

2026 BUDGETED EXPENDITURES BY PROGRAM



2026 REVENUE SOURCES AND TRENDS

