



# City of Basehor 2025 Legislative Priorities

Basehor City Hall  
1600 N 158<sup>th</sup> Street  
Basehor, KS 66007

Website: [www.cityofbasehor.org](http://www.cityofbasehor.org)

Social Media: @cityofbasehor

Phone: 913-724-1370

Email: [info@cityofbasehor.org](mailto:info@cityofbasehor.org)

# *Governing Body*

**Dick Drennon**



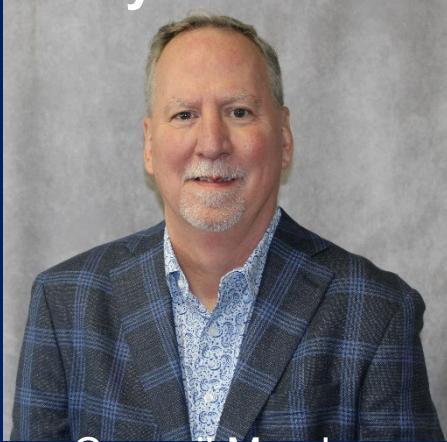
Mayor

**Ben Sims**



Council President

**Ty Garver**



Council Member

**Vernon J. Fields**



Council Member

**Shari D. Standiferd**



Council Member

**Vickie McEnroe**



Council Member



# Department Heads

**Leslee Rivarola, City Administrator**  
**Maddie Bouton, Deputy City Administrator**  
**Kevin Self, Chief of Police**  
**Jim Sherman, Planning & Zoning Director**  
**Gene Myracle, Municipal Services Director**  
**Todd Luckman, City Attorney**

# Appointed Officials

**William "Bill" Hutton, Municipal Judge**  
**Nate Sutton, City Prosecutor**  
**James Floyd, Public Defender**  
**Pete Heaven, Special Counsel**

# About the Community

Basehor

KS



Basehor is located in the Kansas City Metro Area in Leavenworth County just east of Kansas City, Kansas. Basehor has access to US-24/US-40 Highway and K-7 Highway. Basehor's School District is the Basehor-Linwood School District.

As of the last certified United State Census, Basehor is the 2nd Fastest growing city in Kansas with a population of 5,000 or more. The 2024 estimate population is 8,152.

|                           |  |       |
|---------------------------|--|-------|
| April 1, 2010 Population  |  | 4,632 |
| April 1, 2020 Population  |  | 6,896 |
| Total Population Increase |  | 48.9% |



In 2024, the average home appraised value was \$395,000. As of the last Community Survey, 83% of residents are very satisfied or satisfied with the overall quality of life in Basehor. Satisfaction with City services is much higher in Basehor than other communities. According to New Home Source, Basehor is the 3<sup>rd</sup> safest city in Kansas.

Since 2020, the City of Basehor has been awarded over \$22 million in grants and external funding for projects in the community, including roadway projects, park improvements, and trail construction. That is about 6x the amount of property taxes collected in a single year. This means every year for the past 5 years, the City of Basehor has collected more dollars in grants and external funding than it did in property taxes.

**\$22  
MILLION  
IN GRANTS  
& EXTERNAL  
FUNDING**

# Legislative Priorities

The City of Basehor Governing Body annually adopts a set of Legislative Priorities for the City's state and federal elected officials. The City of Basehor wishes for those elected officials to keep these priorities in mind when considering voting for legislation.

## **Legislative Funding Dedicated to Public Safety**

The City of Basehor supports legislative funding for public safety to assist with recruitment, retention, safety equipment, training, and general needs. Public safety officers such as police officers are an incredibly important part of the community.

## **Maintaining Home Authority Rule**

The City of Basehor supports the ability of local elected officials to make decisions for their communities, particularly local tax and revenue decisions, as called for by the Home Rule Amendment of the Kansas Constitution approved by voters in 1960. Basehor urges the Kansas Legislature to respect the philosophy of local control and honor the Home Rule Amendment of the Kansas Constitution.

## **Legislative Funding for Public Amenities**

The City of Basehor supports legislative funding for public amenities such as community centers, parks, and other community betterment facilities. These public amenities provide quality of life for Basehor residents.

## **Property Tax Relief by Fixing the Property Tax Calculation Formula**

The City of Basehor supports updates to the property tax calculation formula that provides property tax relief to residents while also maintaining the City's authority to set its property tax rate. Currently, the City of Basehor only controls one factor out of five in the property tax calculation formula. The City of Basehor supports legislation that would provide residents with relief, such as capping the amount of increase of a home value for taxation purposes.

## **Legislation Funding for Infrastructure**

The City of Basehor supports legislation funding for local infrastructure, such as expansion and improvements of the road system as well as a clean water supply. The importance of well-maintained and supported infrastructure is incredibly important to the health and safety of a community.

## **Preventing Unfunded Mandates**

The City of Basehor supports the prevention of regulations and mandates issued by state and federal levels of government to the local government without also providing funding for the implementation of those regulations and mandates.

## **Legislative Funding Dedicated to Safety Improvements to US-24/US-40 Highway and K-7 Highway**

The City of Basehor supports legislative funding for safety improvements to provide the motoring public with safer travel on roadways and highways controlled and operated by the State of Kansas, especially US-24/US-40 Highway and K-7 Highway.

# Basehor Linwood School District

## Innovation Academy

Basehor Linwood High School's Innovation Academy Program has worked with the City of Basehor on multiple occasions giving students the chance to see what it is like to work on City projects. Students were able to help in the process of creating an upcoming park, 155th Street improvements, a new roundabout, and creating this list of legislative priorities. During their first semester, students Chloe Murkin and Danilo Djukic worked on establishing what the legislative priorities should be and the best fits to keep the City moving forward with their goals. Next students Benjamin Villanueva, Adelyn Elliott, and Zoe Falgren took this project on in their second semester and created the final copy of this list to assist the City of Basehor with promoting their priorities and goals. These students wish to thank the City of Basehor for this opportunity.

