



Shawnee Chamber of Commerce 2025 Local Legislative Agenda

Key to providing a strong quality of life for our Shawnee residents and businesses is a collaborative partnership between the City of Shawnee and the Chamber. In support of the City's initiatives, the Shawnee Chamber promotes the following local agenda.

Business, Economic, and Workforce Development

Continue to facilitate a strong and diverse economy, the Shawnee Chamber supports business, regulatory, and economic development policies that promote greater stability for the business climate and creates certainty for job growth and business expansion. The Shawnee Chamber supports:

- Goals and vision set forth by the City of Shawnee Strategic Plan, *Imagine Shawnee* and Comprehensive Plan, *Achieve Shawnee*.
- Economic incentives, where appropriate, that better the business community to include, but are not limited to, SEED, TIF, TDD, CID, IRB, and benefit districts.
- A reasonable and balanced tax policy that maintains adequate funding levels for current and future city operations, while protecting the interests of our business members.
- Community policies addressing barriers to work, including access to childcare, attainable housing, and reliable transportation.

Quality of Life

To attract an educated and diverse workforce and business community the Shawnee Chamber supports investment in Quality-of-Life initiatives and plans that will serve to attract and retain Shawnee citizens and visitors. The Shawnee Chamber supports:

- Beautification of downtown to include streetscape and pedestrian-friendly corridors.
- Investment into Valley of Champions sports corridor as means to attract outside visitors to Shawnee.
- Enhancements of the Midland Entertainment District

Infrastructure

The Chamber recognizes the importance of basic infrastructure to community growth, economic health, public safety, and overall quality of life. The Shawnee Chamber supports:

- Kansas Department of Transportation's (KDOT) K-7 Corridor Plan, particularly the intersections of K-7 and 75th Street and K-7 and 43rd Street. Encourage the City to cost share in capital project costs.