

Chapter 8: Public Services and Facilities

8.1 Introduction

This chapter addresses the various aspects and policies of public facilities, services and activities in the City including administrative offices, library, public works, and public safety facilities. Other community services are also addressed herein.



8.2 Municipal Service

City Administration

The Kanab City Administration strives to provide effective and efficient public services to the community, while operating within its budget. In addition to offering services through its employees, numerous volunteers provide tremendous support to the City to help accomplish various community goals.

Goal:
Provide effective and efficient public services.

- Maintain sufficient levels of staffing and programs to serve the public needs, administered with a customer-friendly attitude.

Public Works

The Kanab City Public Works Department strives to make the City an accessible, functioning and healthy community. Services of the Public Works Department include Water, Sewer, Streets, Fleet, City Parks, and the Cemetery.

In cooperation with the Capital Facilities Plan, the public works department continually plans for the maintenance of the City's

streets, water, drainage and sewer infrastructure. The City is implementing an annual drainage program, which is tied to a long-term program, aimed to resolve drainage problems. As the City grows, new water sources will be necessary, and the department plans to drill new wells to meet this demand. In addition to regular cleaning and maintenance of sewer systems, the City plans to connect the Ranchos area, which is currently on septic systems, to the sewer system in the long term. Several road and sidewalk improvements and connections are planned throughout the community (see Chapter 5, Transportation and Appendix G, Transportation Master Plan). The City aims to maintain paved streets to optimize service life and reduce future costs.

Kanab City will maintain a current Capital Facilities Plan and explore ways to pay for future infrastructure.

Goal:
Provide sufficient water, sewer and drainage resources and systems

- Maintain existing Infrastructure.
- Develop additional resources
- Follow the goals of the Capital Facilities Plan.
- Review impact fees and adjust as necessary.

Public Safety

The Kanab City Police Department is responsible for approximately 5,500 residents living in a 12 square mile area, with an added 3,000 visitors during the tourist season. The Department currently employs six full time and eight reserve officers. The City plans to increase law enforcement presence in town as funds become available. In addition, the department, which is currently housed at 140 East 100 South, plans to relocate to a new City Hall or Public Safety Facility, when available.



Kanab Fire Department is a volunteer department serving the citizens of Kanab City and Kane County. The Department is currently planning to repair and remodel both fire stations in the City and replaces and enhances its fleet of vehicles, as needed. In order to make the community more resistant to hazardous conditions and maintain the capability to respond to emergencies, the department is working to implement an Emergency Operations Plan.

City Library

The Kanab City Library enriches the lives of its citizens by fostering lifelong learning by providing access to information, materials and services that address the educational, cultural and recreational needs of the community. The Library will continue to offer programs and services that are responsive to changing technology and community needs.

Goal:
Develop plans for a center for conferences, higher education, recreation and seniors.

8.3 Other Community Services

Medical Facilities

Medical amenities in Kanab include a hospital, rest home facilities, and ambulance and EMT services, including chiropractic, dental and mental health facilities.



Kanab Elementary School.

Education

Kanab City supports an excellent base of public education facilities including the Kanab High School, Kanab Middle School and

Goal:
Provide excellent support to educational institutions.

- Reach out to and participate with various entities to enhance educational opportunities.

According to the 2012 American Fact Finder of the U.S. Census Bureau, 22.7% of the eligible population (18 years and over) in Kanab has bachelor's degrees, while 94.7 of

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Kanab’s eligible population has graduated from high school. School enrollment from kindergarten through high school is around 776, while nearly 98 residents are enrolled in college or graduate school programs.

The City of Kanab recognizes the importance of maintaining high levels of education enrollment and available quality programs for all ages. City leaders should work with regional higher education institutions to provide more educational opportunities for Kanab residents.

8.4 Public Services and Facilities Goals		
Goals	Strategies	Actions
1. Provide effective and efficient public services to the community.	A. Maintain sufficient levels of staffing and programs to serve the public needs, administered with a customer-friendly attitude.	i. Provide efficient functioning and a service oriented atmosphere in the City Administrative Offices.
		ii. Expand and improve the services available at the City Library.
		iii. Continue to meet the demands for the quality delivery of public utilities and Public Works services in an orderly and efficient manner.
		iv. Maintain a police force which is dedicated to the ideal of a crime-free society, which enforces the law in a fair and impartial manner.
		v. Maintain a fully-staffed, trained and certified Fire Department to provide to the community excellent service in fire suppression and emergency medical services.
		vi. Repair and remodel both City Fire Stations.
		vi. Maintain parks and recreational activities for youth and adults.

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2. Provide sufficient water, sewer and drainage resources and systems to support the future growth of the community.	A. Maintain existing, water, drainage and sewer infrastructure	i. Replace and upgrade old water, sewer lines and equipment.
		ii. Establish a standardized storm drainage criterion which sets the desired capacity of the storm drainage piping system in the City.
		iii. Maintain and update sewer system on a regular basis.
	B. Develop additional community water, drainage and sewer resources.	i. Explore the development of water resources through additional springs development, well extraction sources and a booster pump station.
		ii. Develop a Water Resources Plan (Appendix D).
		iii. Implement a drainage improvement program, which resolves nuisance drainage issues in the City.
		iv. Pursue connecting Kanab Creek Ranchos and other unserved areas to the sewer system.
	C. Maintain and follow the goals of the Capital Facilities Plan.	i. Yearly update the 1, 5, and 10 year Capital Improvement Plans.
	D. Review impact fees and adjust as necessary to pay for system extensions to provide services to future development.	i. Yearly review impact fees by implementing an ordinance to include an adjustment based on yearly material inflationary costs.

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3. Provide excellent support to educational institutions.	A. Reach out to and participate with various entities to enhance educational opportunities (High School, Best Friends, SUU/Dixie, County, BLM, Forest Service, National Parks, Regional educational facilities, etc.)	i. Support and help facilitate community involvement in coordination with educational entities.
		ii. Encourage and support specialized education programs (films, history, art).
4. Develop plans for a multi-purpose center for conferences, higher education, recreation and seniors.	A. Review facility needs and seek developers/investors.	i. Help to obtain professional assistance to spear-head the effort.
	B. Work with state representatives to obtain funds for planning efforts.	i. Educate our state representatives of the need based on buy-in from impacted participants.