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City of El Paso Announces Highest Monthly Sales Tax Collection in Recent History

EL PASO, Texas—The City of El Paso today announced its February 2026 sales tax distribution is the highest single-month collection in recent City history, reflecting continued economic momentum and strong local consumer activity.

The February allocation, which reflects retail sales from December, totaled \$16,057,129, a 4.5% increase compared to February 2025, and surpasses the previous record of \$15,372,624 set in February 2025.

Year-to-date, the City's sales tax collections have reached \$51,857,519, an 8% increase over the same period last fiscal year.

"This milestone underscores the strength and resilience of El Paso's economy," said City Manager Dionne Mack. "Our local businesses continue to drive growth, and consumers are demonstrating confidence in our community. This record-setting month provides important support for essential City services and long-term investments."

Mayor Renard Johnson emphasized that strong collections reflect the community's continued investment in the local economy.

"Sales tax is a direct reflection of people choosing to shop local, support jobs, and keep dollars circulating here at home," Mayor Johnson said. "This record month strengthens our ability to maintain public safety, address neighborhood needs, and continue investing in the infrastructure and quality-of-life improvements our residents expect."

City officials also noted that while overall consumer spending and business activity remain strong, as reflected in the City's sales tax performance.

While the City is encouraged by this historic performance, officials caution that sales tax collections can fluctuate month to month due to economic conditions, inflationary trends, and changes in consumer behavior.

"We remain committed to conservative budgeting and long-term financial stewardship," said Chief Financial Officer Robert Cortinas. "Record collections strengthen our ability to maintain service levels and address infrastructure needs."

The City will continue to monitor sales tax trends closely as it prepares for upcoming budget discussions and strategic investments aligned with City Council priorities.

For more information about the City of El Paso budget visit ElPasoTexas.gov.

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