CITY CONNECT

From Vision to Action: Truth or Consequences Embraces 2026

As we step boldly into 2026, the City of Truth or Consequences is embracing a year of progress, professionalism, and community connection. With a slate of infrastructure projects on the horizon—including major street repairs and numerous waterline upgrades—the city is committed to strengthening the foundation of everyday life for residents. Thanks to the tireless efforts of Assistant City Manager Traci Alvarez in grant acquisition and project management, these improvements are becoming a reality. Over the past year, we've seen a new City Manager, Gary Whitehead, lead with vision, fostering a culture of transparency and communication that complements the dedication our staff has always shown to keep the city running smoothly. Employees celebrated a new pay scale, reflecting the value of their hard work. We've welcomed Chaz Glines and rewelcomed Destiny Mitchell to the commission, ensuring strong leadership for the year ahead. Meanwhile, the Parks Department continues to enhance local green spaces, cooperation with MainStreet is at an all-time high, and the Police Department is preparing to move into its new home. With teamwork, innovation, and community spirit, 2026 promises to be a year of transformation and pride.

Leash Up for a Safer Community

While some animal ordinances may change in the future, key rules remain to keep public spaces safe and enjoyable. One of the most important is keeping pets under "immediate control" when off your property. For dogs, that means a secure collar or harness with a leash no longer than six feet. Cats (and ferrets) must also be leashed with a properly fitting harness. Even friendly pets can make others uncomfortable, so please leash your dog or cat in **all public areas**. Together, we can ensure our parks and streets stay welcoming and safe for everyone.

Commission Clears Path for Elephant Butte Annexation

A change could be coming to our neighboring city. The Truth or Consequences Commission recently voted to support Elephant Butte's plan to bring its wastewater treatment plant fully within its own city limits. What does this mean for local services and future partnerships? Find out in the full story at torcnm.gov under the News section.

Watch for Upcoming Drinking Water Notice

Residents and business owners should be on the lookout for a special notice arriving by mail from the Truth or Consequences Water Department. This notice will include important information and recommendations from the Water Protection Division regarding your drinking water. It relates to 20 deficiencies identified in the May 2025 Sanitary Survey Report and outlines the city's corrective action process and ongoing efforts to address these issues. For more details and to learn how the city is working to improve efficiency and stay on track, please visit our homepage at torcnm.gov.