

Councilman Nash favors eliminating emergency utility tax

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Kansas City Council member Troy Nash said Wednesday that he supports eliminating Kansas City's 2 percent emergency utility tax on residential natural gas bills to combat the escalation in natural gas prices this winter.

In September, the City Council voted to phase out the emergency utility tax over three years. But Nash said his constituents need help now.

"While the tax may not seem like a large amount to some, the constituents that have called my office understand that every dollar makes a difference," he said. "A dollar could mean the difference between having food on the table or staying warm this winter."

An ordinance regarding the emergency utility tax will be taken up in January at the next meeting of the City Council's finance and audit committee.