

Roeland Park Town Hall Meeting
November 12, 2013
7 PM
Roeland Park Community Center

Mail Ballot Information

Ballots will be mailed to the residents the week of November 20th.

Ballots must be received by the Johnson County Election office by Noon on December 10th.

Town Hall #2 – December 4th at Roeland Park Community Center – 7 pm

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: What will this sales tax be used for?

A: On November 4, the City Council passed a non binding resolution (#630) to use the sales tax, if passed, in the following order: for Emergency Needs for Infrastructure, Infrastructure, Restoration of Services, a Mill Levy Reduction.

Q: Why is the City Council proposing a Sales Tax Increase?

A: The City has experienced a decline in property tax revenues over the past 4 years. With this decline the city has been reducing costs while trying to maintain the same level of service.

Sales tax is generated from consumers who live both inside and outside the City.

Q: Didn't the City just increase my property taxes to cover the loss of property taxes and sales taxes?

A: The City did increase the property tax for 2014 to cover a portion of the projected loss for when Wal-Mart leaves. However, the property tax only covers approximately \$414,000 of the projected \$700,000 annual loss.

The proposed sales tax would provide an estimated \$288,000 per year, providing a total of \$702,000.

Q: What has the City done to reduce its' expenses?

- Removed enhancements to Roe Blvd design and entryway updates
 - Deputy chief of police position vacant till 2016
 - Reduced council travel and training
 - Reduced funding for community events
 - Eliminated purchase of one police vehicle 2013/14
 - Strategic plan being drafted in House
 - Deferred equipment purchases
 - Deferred CARS road work
 - Reduced council education/travel
 - Found efficiencies for staff training/ travel
 - Uniforms
 - Reduced summer help in Public Workers
 - Citizen satisfaction survey conducted in house
 - Minor road maintenance i.e. sidewalk, chip & seal done in house
 - Comprehensive plan drafted in house
 - Re-bid City services such as mowing, copy machine, cleaning, phone services
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Q: How much is the City's Sales Tax rate compared to other cities?

Current Sales Tax Rate

- Base Sales Tax - 8.625%

Special Districts:

- TDD Area #1 - 9.625%
- TDD Area #2 - 9.125%
- CID Area #1 – 9.625%
- New Rate – If approved .35% Sales

Proposed New Sales Tax Rate

- Based Sales Tax - 8.975%

Special Districts:

- TDD Area #1 - 9.975%
- TDD Area #2 - 9.475%
- CID Area #1 – 9.975%

Sales Tax Rates in Neighboring Cities

Fairway - 8.875%

Mission

- Base Rate - 9%
- Mission Crossing – 10%
- Gateway – 10% (*exception)
- * Wal-Mart at Gateway - 9.5%

Westwood - 8.375%

Overland Park

- Base Rate - 8.5%
- Range from 8.5% - 10%

Prairie Village

- Base Rate - 8.375%
- Range from 8.375% - 9.375%

Shawnee

- Base Rate – 8.625%
- Range from 8.625% – 9.125%

Q: How much will the proposed sales tax rate increase my purchases?

A:	\$ 1.00	\$100.00
	<i>Purchase</i>	<i>Purchase</i>
<i>Current 8.625% Tax</i>	<i>\$1.09*</i>	<i>\$108.63</i>
<i>Proposed 8.975% Tax</i>	<i>\$1.09*</i>	<i>\$108.98</i>
<i>Increased Cost to me</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$0.35</i>
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<i>Increased Cost to me</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$0.35</i>

*No change due to rounding up

Q: How much will this tax generate for the City?

A: Approximately \$288,000 per year. Estimated amount of 5 year, \$1,440,000

Q: If passed, when will the sales tax begin and how long will it be in place?

A: The City is asking for this sales tax rate for a period of 5 years, beginning April 1, 2014 and expiring in March 31, 2019

Q: How do I get a ballot and when should I return my ballot?

A: Ballots will be mailed to the residents the week of November 20th. Ballots must be received by the Johnson County Election office by Noon on December 10th.

Q: Can I still register to vote?

Until November 19th – Mail Ballot Application required. Residents should contact the Johnson County Election Office at (913) 782-3441 or visit their website at <http://www.jocoelection.org>.

Q: What is Roeland Park's Pull Factor and what does it mean?

A: If all Roeland Park Residents only shopped at Roeland Park Businesses then pull factor would be 1.0.

- Currently Roeland Park's Pull Factor is 1.4 (KS Dept of Rev) which means businesses inside the City are bringing in additional sales tax payers from outside the City (to increase pull factor over 1.0 base)