

The Roeland Parker

Special Edition—Sales Tax Information

Calendar of Events for Sales Tax Ballot Issue

- Nov 20 Ballots mailed
- Dec 4 7pm-City Town Hall
Community Center
4850 Rosewood Drive
- Dec 10 Election Day. Mail-in
ballots due by noon



**City of Roeland
Park, Kansas
Sales Tax Mail Ballot
Information
December 10, 2013
Election**



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You should be receiving in the mail a ballot from the Johnson County Election Office for a proposed sales tax initiative. This ballot will ask you to vote on the following:

“Shall the City of Roeland Park, Kansas, be authorized to levy a new 0.35% General Purpose City Retailers’ Sales Tax within the City of Roeland Park, Kansas, and to use the revenue from the tax for general purposes, such tax to take effect on April 1, 2014; such tax to end March 31, 2019; and such tax to be in addition to the ongoing 1.25% City Retailers’ Sales Tax currently levied? “

On December 10, voters of Roeland Park will have the opportunity to decide on a proposed 0.35 percent sales tax increase. This proposed tax is to help replace the lost revenue from the upcoming departure of Wal-Mart. Sales tax is generated from consumers who live both inside and outside Roeland Park.

During the 2014 budget process the City Council received feedback through a citizen survey and two town hall events that residents wanted to see a balanced approach to the budget. From that feedback, the City Council proposed a combination of spending cuts, a property tax increase and a sales tax increase to solve the challenges that will arise when Wal-Mart indicated they will relocate in 2015.

Starting in 2014 new cuts of \$132,250 in City services will include eliminating the purchase of one police vehicle, not filling the soon to be vacant Deputy Chief of Police position, and reducing the community events budget.

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

Why is the City requesting a vote on this now?

It is the City’s understanding from the private property owner that the current lease with Wal-Mart runs through July, 2016. During the FY14 budget process time period, a senior manager of public affairs and government relations from Wal-Mart reaffirmed in an email the company’s intention to move to Mission and that current timeline was for an approximate March, 2015 departure. Because of this information, the City starting looking at how to reduce the loss of revenue to the City and to the residents.

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

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. The sales tax can be terminated early by the City Council. To extend this sales tax it would take another vote of the people.

How does a Mail-in Election work?

Ballots will be mailed to the residents the week of November 18th. Ballots must be received by Johnson County Election Office by noon on December 10th.



How much is the City's Sales Tax rate compared to other cities?

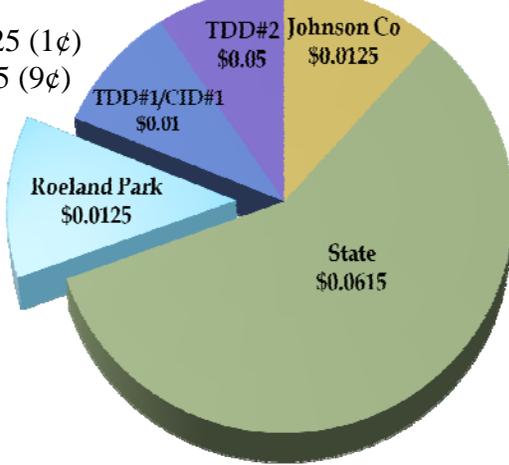
Roeland Park **Current** Sales Tax Rate Roeland Park **Proposed** Sales Tax Rate
 Base Sales Tax - 8.625% - 9.625% Base Sales Tax - 8.975% - 9.975%

Sales Tax Rates in Neighboring Cities

Fairway - 8.875% Mission 9% - 10% Westwood - 8.375%
 Overland Park - 8.5% - 10% Prairie Village - 8.375% - 9.375%

How much Sales Tax per dollar does the City of Roeland Park Receive?

The City receives \$0.0125 (1¢) of the proposed \$0.08975 (9¢) in base districts or \$0.09975 (10¢) in special taxing districts.



**TDD/CID Funds can only be used in the district from which they are collected on limited items.*

How much will the proposed sales tax rate increase a purchase?

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

Wal-Mart/Dollar Tree/ Price Chopper Areas	\$ 1.00	\$100.00
	<i>Purchase</i>	<i>Purchase</i>
<i>Current 9.625% Tax</i>	\$ 1.10	\$ 109.63
<i>Proposed 9.975% Tax</i>	\$ 1.10	\$ 109.98
<i>Increased Cost to me</i>	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.35

What is the proposed Use of Sales Tax Funds?

The Governing Body at its November 4th Council meeting approved Resolution 630 which sets out how the City intends to use the funds if approved by the voters. The priority of how the funds are proposed to be used, is as follows:



What are "Emergency Needs for Infrastructure"?

The first use of sales tax dollars will be used to address unexpected infrastructure repair and replacement needs, such as: Corrugated Stormwater Pipe Repairs which are estimated to cost between \$665,000-\$960,000. It is estimated that after Wal-Mart's departure, the sales tax will collect approximately \$288,000 a year for up to 5 years.

Is Resolution 630 a binding resolution that limits the use of Sales Tax monies or can the Governing Body decide to use the revenue for other projects as it sees fit?

Resolutions adopted by the City Council are often used as way to express an opinion. Resolution 630 is not binding on current or future Councils; however, it does contain the intended uses for the sales tax funds as seen by the same City Council members who authorized the issue to be on the ballot.



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