

Why 1% Makes Sense

Frequently Asked Questions



What is the 1% local sales option?

The 1% local sales option is a financial option which passed in 2009 and is set to expire if not passed by January 2014. It is expected to generate an estimated \$15 million specifically dedicated for the following infrastructure improvements:

- To pay the cost of road and street repair
- To pay the cost of reconstruction and resurfacing projects based on traffic patterns, need and usage
- To pay the costs of water and sewer drainage

How will the revenue from the tax be utilized?

The revenue generated from the local option will be used to improve our roads, drainage systems and quality of water.

How will the revenue be distributed?

The expenditures must be in accordance with the master plan. It is the City's priority to comply with the master plan, and it is the will of the Mayor and Council that all funds be distributed evenly among all seven (7) wards.

Who will monitor the expenditures of the revenue?

Revenue generated from the special sales tax will be authorized in accordance to the master plan developed from the City's Public Works Department and Commission. The expenditures of the revenue will be authorized at the discretion of the City, if the expenditures comply with the master plan. The committee shall monitor the compliance of the City with the master plan.

Will the money be used for raises for city employees?

No, the money generated from this referendum will be spent in accordance to the master plan for road, drainage and water improvements.

What items are exempt or not taxed?

The tax would apply to goods and services except for the following:

- Groceries
- restaurant food and beverages
- prescription drugs
- hotel/motel rooms
- subscription television and internet services

How will this impact my business?

Businesses and consumers rely on a working infrastructure. More specifically, they rely on good roads and a working water system. The revenue generated will address these concerns.

When will we be able to vote for this referendum?

Citizens will be able to vote for the referendum on January 14, 2014.

If passed by voters, when does the referendum go into effect?

The referendum will be effective on March 1, 2014, being the first day of the second month following the certification of results by the Municipal Election Commission, upon successful passing of the election.

How long does the local sales tax option remain once imposed?

The referendum will last until July 1, 2032.