

Street & Stormwater Sales Tax Renewal

City Council Worksession
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Staff Recommendation

- Staff recommends renewal
- Exact same language with same restrictions
- 1/4-cent sales tax
- 10-year; effective January 1, 2021
- Mail Ballot Election on January 28, 2020

Street & Stormwater Tax - History

2000 – voters approve two (2) 5-year 1/8-cent sales taxes

- 58.2% approval - downtown
- 66.7% approval - streets

2005 – voters approve a 5-year 1/4-cent sales tax

- 69.1% approval - streets

2010 – voters approve a 10-year 1/4-cent sales tax

- 75.23% approval - streets, bridges, drainage, stormwater

Street & Stormwater Tax – Current Language

Shall the City of Merriam, Kansas be authorized to levy a special purpose city retailers' sales tax in the amount of **one-fourth of one percent (.25%)** and to use revenue from such tax to pay the cost of improving certain **City streets, bridges and associated drainage**, which improvements may include grading, curbs, gutters, pavement and other surfacing, driveway entrances and structures, drainage work incidental thereto, service connections from utility mains, conduits or pipes necessarily lying within curb lines, streetlights, street lighting systems, storm water drains, retaining walls and area walls on public ways or land abutting thereon, sidewalks, street trees and landscaping, **stormwater drainage projects**, and all related improvements ("Improvements") and all things necessary and related to such Improvements, and be **authorized to pledge such sales tax for the payment of the principal and interest on general obligation bonds** issued to pay the cost of such Improvements, provided that such retailers' sales tax shall expire ten (10) years from the date it is first collected (expiration date of December 31, 2020), all pursuant to K.S.A. 12-187 et seq. and other applicable state statutory provisions?



Street & Stormwater Tax – Current Details

- 1/4-cent sales tax
- City Streets
- Bridges
- Associated Drainage
- Stormwater Drainage Projects
- Can be used for debt service for those improvements, if needed
- 10-yr term

Street & Stormwater Tax – Additional Details

- Term - January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2020
- Voter approved by mail-in ballot in January 2010
- Can only be used for infrastructure improvements
- Generated \$14.2 million to-date; \$17.3 million total (projected)
- Sales tax is subject to pull-factor

Street & Stormwater Tax – Current Financials

	thru 6/30/2019	Projected Revenue/Exp	Projected Final
Funding Sources			
1/4 cent City Sales tax	\$ 14,231,294	\$ 3,079,923	\$ 17,311,217
Interest	152,158	74,863	227,021
Merriam General CIP support		1,437,542	1,437,542
TIF (75th Street over I-35)	626,361		626,361
SMAC	5,366,358		5,366,358
CARS	3,494,657	5,740,989	9,235,646
BR/ST	3,387,763		3,387,763
Subtotal Funding Sources	\$ 27,258,591	\$ 10,333,317	\$ 37,591,908

Street & Stormwater Tax – Current Project List

54th St/54th Terr Drainage Improvements	\$ 214,035	Residential Street Group V	\$ 1,297,522
55th St Drainage Improvement	\$ 490,552	Shawnee Creek Drainage - East (Farley to Knox)	\$ 1,343,007
70th Terrace Drainage Box	\$ 1,647,001	Shawnee Creek Drainage - West (Switzer to Farley)	\$ 1,610,719
75th St - Antioch to Frontage Rd	\$ 312,595	Shawnee Mission Parkway Bridge over BNSF Rail	\$ 3,039,940
75th St - E. Frontage Rd to Switzer	\$ 2,580,429	Shawnee Mission Pkwy/Antioch Intersection	\$ 71,624
Antioch Overlay (67th to 75th)	\$ 488,392	Sherwood Forest Drainage Outlet Repair	\$ 65,835
Antioch Rd Mill/Overlay/Curb/Gutter (47th - 54th)	\$ 510,553	Antioch Park Creek Drainage	\$ 149,154
Antioch Rd Reconstruction (Johnson Dr. to 67th)	\$ 1,915,890	67th St Reconstruction (west limit to Antioch Rd)*	\$ 2,270,344
Antioch Rd Streetlights (67th to 75th)	\$ 165,231	Johnson Dr - Kessler to Mackey*	\$ 2,237,981
Comprehensive Engineering Study/PES	\$ 134,639	Merriam Dr - 55th St to Antioch*	\$ 1,667,426
Farley Avenue Reconstruction	\$ 1,917,068	Merriam Dr - Jo Dr to 55th St*	\$ 2,606,799
Ground Penetrating Radar Street Evaluation	\$ 36,729	55th St - Merriam Dr to W. City Limit*	\$ 1,831,781
Johnson Dr Bridge over Turkey Creek	\$ 1,942,634	49th St - Antioch to Switzer*	\$ 2,332,241
Johnson Dr Reconstruction (Kessler Ln to west limit)	\$ 1,532,172	SM Pkwy / Turkey Creek Bridge Study/Rehab*	\$ 248,878
Meyer Creek Drainage	\$ 2,896,238	67th/E. Frontage Rd Intersection Study*	\$ 34,500

* Planned/Under Construction



How much is a ¼-cent sales tax?

- \$10 = \$0.25
- \$50 = \$1.25
- \$100 = \$2.50
- \$250 = \$6.25
- \$500 = \$12.50
- \$1,000 = \$25.00

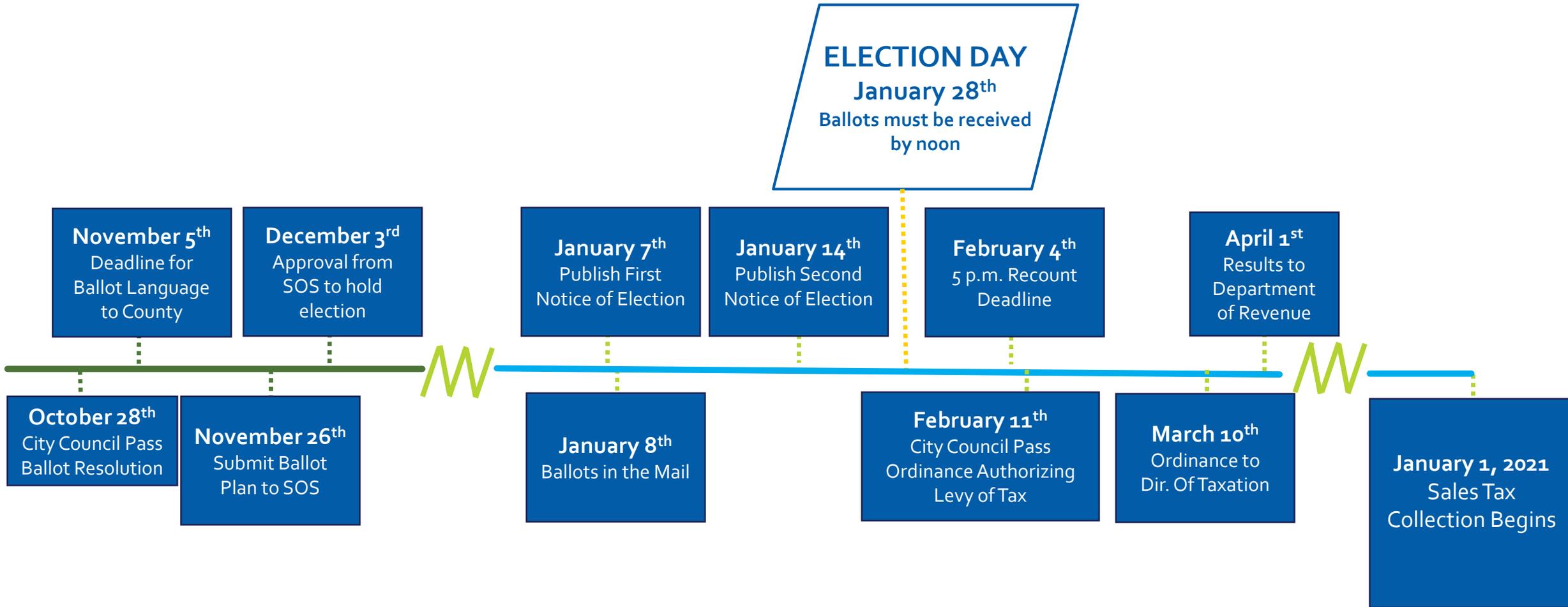
City Sales Tax Rates

City Where Sales Were Delivered	City Tax Rate
Prairie Village	8.975%
Leawood	9.100%
Overland Park	9.100%
Roeland Park	9.225%
Lenexa	9.350%
Merriam	9.475%
Olathe	9.475%
Mission	9.600%
Shawnee	9.600%
Fairway	9.975%

Mail Ballot Process

- A mail-in ballot is handled by JoCo Elections Office.
- City Council passes a resolution with the ballot question.
- JoCo Elections require ~90-day lead to manage the process. They mail the ballots to all registered voters no earlier than 20 days prior to election date and require all votes to be post-marked no later than noon on election date.
- Ballot measures pass by a simple majority of returned ballots.
- City billed for cost; ~\$3 per registered voter

Election Timeline



Discussion