



Sales Tax Facts

Public Safety and Neighborhood Infrastructure

- ✓ KCK voters approved the 3/8-cent Public Safety and Neighborhood Infrastructure Sales Tax in April 2010 with 70% of the vote. The tax will expire in July 2020.
- ✓ Voters are being asked to renew the sales tax for an additional 10 years in the August 2018 Primary election.
- ✓ Voting to renew the tax will continue critical funding for public safety and neighborhood projects without requiring a tax increase. The 2018 Community Survey shows citizens place a high priority on public safety and infrastructure improvements.
- ✓ In 2018, the Public Safety and Neighborhood Infrastructure Sales Tax will generate \$10-million, with 35% spent on the KCK Fire Department, 35% spent on the KCK Police Department and 30% spent on neighborhood improvement projects. Over its 10-year life, the sales tax will have raised \$80-million for critical public safety operations and neighborhood infrastructure projects.
- ✓ In addition to purchasing new fire trucks, police cars and other public safety equipment, the sales tax pays for 25 firefighters and 25 police officers. Neighborhood improvement projects include, streets, curbs, sidewalks and parks.
- ✓ The 3/8-cent sales tax is paid on all retail sales in KCK. A significant portion of those sales are made in the Village West area, which means millions of tourists and shoppers from Johnson County, Lawrence, Topeka, Wichita, Missouri and other states are helping support KCK Police, Fire and and Public Works.
- ✓ While the 3/8-cent tax generates millions of dollars, it adds a few cents to most everyday purchases. For example, the tax on a \$15 pizza amounts to 6-cents; it adds 38-cents to a \$100 grocery bill; and 8-cents to the cost of a \$20 shirt.
- ✓ The Unified Government Commission reviews and votes on how the money will be spent as part of the annual budget process. However, all of the sales tax revenue must be spent on public safety and community infrastructure projects.
- ✓ A yes vote means this critical funding, generating \$10-million a year, will continue to support Public Safety operations and Neighborhood Infrastructure projects without a tax increase.
- ✓ A no vote means the \$10-million a year will disappear and budgets for Public Safety, Neighborhood improvement projects and other services the Unified Government provides will face drastic cuts. A property tax increase would be the only way to make-up the loss of the sales tax revenue.

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