

City of Savannah

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Greetings,

Mayor Connie George, Aldermen Joy Thompson, John Parker, Don Dillman, and Kenny Maxwell unanimously voted to ask Savannah Voters to increase the City of Savannah sales tax on purchases by one half cent. The current one cent sales tax has been in place since 1996. For twenty years we have been taking care of City business on the same one cent sales tax.

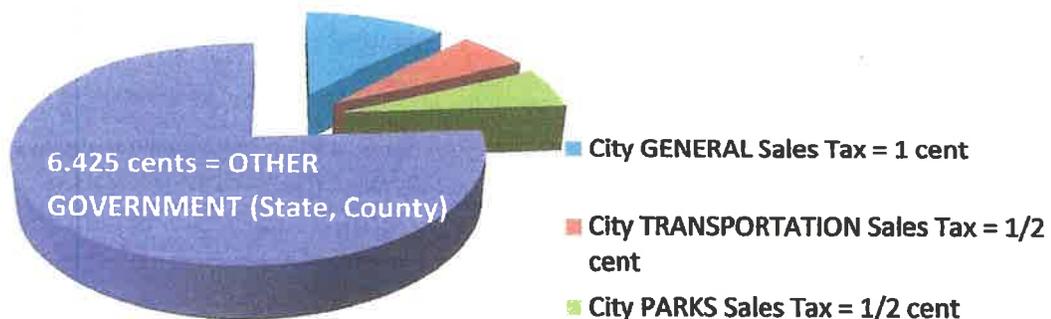
Where does your sales tax money go?

Those doing business in Savannah currently pay 8.425% sales tax on each dollar spent on purchases. We hear often that Savannah has the highest taxes around but that's not true. Of that 8.425 cents the City of Savannah's portion is 2 cents. That two cents is divided as follows:

- One cent for the General Fund - Police, Fire, Streets, Administration.
- One half cent goes to Savannah Parks.
- One half cent is for City Streets, paving, and sidewalks.

The other 6.425 cents per dollar goes to the State of Missouri, Andrew County, Andrew County Museum, and the Andrew County Ambulance. The increased tax we are requesting is on purchases only. This will affect everyone that shops in Savannah not just Savannah residents. This will not affect property or real estate tax rates.

SAVANNAH SALES TAXES = 8.425 cents per dollar



How will this one half cent sales tax affect you?

If you stop at the gas station to get a cup of caffeine and a bite of breakfast in the morning at a cost of about \$5.00. The ½ cent sales tax increase will cost you an additional 2 ½ cents.

If you take your family out to dinner at one of our local restaurants. You will likely pay about \$40.00. The ½ cent sales tax increase will cost you an additional 20 cents.

When you go to one of our local Markets to do the weekly shopping. You will likely spend about \$100. The ½ cent sales tax will cost you an additional 50 cents.

Shopping in St Joseph? Due to CID (Community Improvement District Tax) the Sales Tax rate at many of the popular shopping areas in St Joseph is 9.45%. That is .5% higher than our proposed increased rate of 8.95%. Save your gas money.

How will this ½ cent sales tax affect the City of Savannah?

This additional ½ cent sales tax can generate as much as \$200,000 per year for The City of Savannah. This cash is for the General Fund and will ensure the continuation of all services. These funds are for basic daily operations of the following departments:

- *Police. Payroll, vehicles, equipment, supplies, & training. The things they need, to do their job.
- *Fire Department. Payroll, vehicles, equipment, & training. The things they need, to do their job.
- *Street Department. Payroll, vehicles, equipment, supplies & training. Salt and snow removal.
- *Paving more Streets & Sidewalks.
- *Building and Zoning Inspector. The Building & Zoning Inspectors job is to inspect construction work to ensure compliance with codes for your safety.
- *City Hall. City Administrator & Clerks and provide them with the equipment and supplies they need to do their jobs.

The Cemetery Fund is supplemented by the General Fund and assures that the Cemetery is maintained.

What has the City done to cut costs and save tax payer money?

Every year the City puts together a balanced budget that outlines how tax dollars will be spent.

Every year the City has an Independent Audit that examines our financial statements and our spending that ensures all business is done correctly and ensures that there is no fraud or theft.

The City took advantage of KCP&L incentives and put Solar Panels on the City buildings that would accommodate them and converted all City lighting to LED bulbs that are less expensive to operate.

The City follows a Policy that requires us to bid out purchases of equipment and some supplies to make sure we are getting the best price possible.

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Election - Tuesday, November 8, 2016

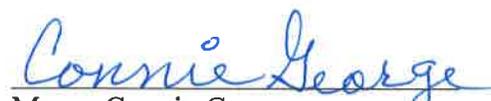
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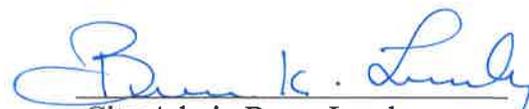
"Shall The City Of Savannah, Missouri, impose a Sales Tax Increase of One-Half Of One Percent (.5%)?"

YES ←←

NO ←←

Mayor Connie George, Aldermen Joy Thompson, Don Dillman, John Parker, and Kenny Maxwell respectfully ask that you consider supporting the City of Savannah with a YES VOTE on Tuesday November 8th.


Mayor Connie George


City Admin Bruce Lundy