

BALLOT INFORMATION



Special Election November 7, 2017

On Nov. 7, 2017, voters will consider a one-half of 1% general revenue sales tax ballot initiative. Estimated to raise more than \$25 million per year, this investment would help to **KEEP GREENE COUNTY SAFE, CLEAN & HEALTHY.**

CURRENT TAX RATE

Greene County's sales tax rate is a combined 1.25%. Should this ballot initiative pass, the new sales tax rate would be 1.75%, still lower than counties such as Taney, Webster and Dallas.

WHEN WAS THE LAST INCREASE?

The last general revenue sales tax was approved in 1984. In 33 years, the population of Greene County has grown by at least 38%. General Revenue has not kept pace with the county's economic growth and challenges.

HOW MUCH IS 1/2 OF 1%?

Approval of this ballot initiative would mean an extra 2 cents at the register for a \$4 hamburger.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE BALLOT INITIATIVE IS NOT APPROVED?

Without additional revenue, the County and its citizens would see the following effects:

- Inmate population will rise to unmanageable levels.
- Increased costs to house inmates in outside facilities will drain funds from other County services.
- Animal control will not be reinstated.
- Citizens may pay costly penalties from Environmental Protection Agency.

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IF THE BALLOT INITIATIVE IS PASSED, HOW WILL THE FUNDS BE USED?

75%
OF FUNDS

REDUCE LONG-TERM JAIL OPERATIONS COSTS

- Greene County jail expansion
- Community mental health initiatives
- Best practice treatment programs

11%
OF FUNDS

SUPPORT PUBLIC SAFETY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

- Juvenile courts building and detention facility
- Community partnership law enforcement specialty units
- Improved emergency communications
- Increased support to Prosecuting Attorney

14%
OF FUNDS

MAINTAIN QUALITY SERVICES

- Stormwater management to ensure EPA compliance
- Reinstated animal control services and community animal shelter facility
- Restricted reserve to ensure positive bond rating
- Funds to assist municipality projects

TRANSPARENT PROCESS

In keeping their promise of transparency, the Greene County Commission has adopted a resolution to commit to these projects.

For full resolution and additional sales tax information go to:

www.GreeneCountyMo.gov/salestax

Paid for by Greene County Sheriff's Office.