

# SALES TAX RENEWAL ELECTION

In June, De Soto voters have the opportunity to consider the renewal of a 3/4 of a cent sales tax that has been dedicated to funding capital project (road, sewer, & water) improvements throughout the city for 20 years. Like all special sales taxes, it can only be approved for 10 years before needing to be renewed by voters.

The sales tax is set to expire this summer, so registered voters will receive a mail-in ballot by early June (due June 21, 2022) to vote whether to continue investments in the City's infrastructure through the collection of this tax.

## BALLOT LANGUAGE:

*Shall a retailers' sales tax in the amount of three quarters of one percent (.75%) be levied in the City of De Soto, Kansas (the "City"), for the purpose of financing capital improvement projects, including but not limited to, improving the City's streets and sidewalks, as well as the City's water, sewer, and drainage systems, and all things necessary and related to such improvements, with the collection of such sales tax to commence on October 1, 2022 (which will be after expiration of the previous three quarters of one percent (.75%) city-wide retailers' sales tax), and shall terminate ten years from the date of imposition, all pursuant to K.S.A. 12-187 et seq., and K.S.A. 12-195?*



## IS THIS A TAX INCREASE?

No, this is a renewal of an existing 20-year-old sales tax. Voters are being asked to renew the current sales tax for infrastructure projects for another 10 years.

If the existing 3/4% sales tax is not approved by voters, it will sunset (expire) in July of 2022.



## WHAT TYPE OF PROJECTS DOES THIS SALES TAX SUPPORT?

This is a special sales tax that can only be used for the purpose of maintaining or creating De Soto's infrastructure, which is anything from road, sewer, and water replacements to sidewalk, bridge, street lighting, and traffic improvements.

### Examples of previous projects:

- Yearly Road Maintenance Program
- Annual Sidewalk Replacement Program
- Water Treatment Plant Expansion
- 91st St. Extension to Sunflower Rd.
- New Public Works Facility
- New Sidewalks along Lexington & 83rd St.



## HOW MUCH DOES THIS SALES TAX COST THE AVERAGE SHOPPER?

For every \$100 purchase, a shopper pays an extra \$0.75 which goes solely towards investing in De Soto's infrastructure.



## WHY DO WE USE SALES TAX TO FUND THESE TYPES OF PROJECTS?

Because the costs are shared by both residents and visitors alike who shop, eat, do business, and travel around De Soto!

Using sales tax (versus a De Soto property tax or water rate increase) relieves the residents and businesses from paying 100% of the costs of maintaining or improving infrastructure.



## WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Come to our public info session or visit the City website @ [www.desotoks.us/285/Sales-Tax-Election](http://www.desotoks.us/285/Sales-Tax-Election)

**May 23rd @ 6pm**  
City Hall Council Chambers



# VOTING INFORMATION

Beginning June 1st, registered voters will receive a white & red envelope in the mail from the Johnson County Election Office. After voting, sign your name, include your address on the white & blue return envelope, and put it in your mailbox!

## HOW DO I REGISTER TO VOTE?

Visit [jocoelection.org/registration](http://jocoelection.org/registration) to check your current status or download the Voter Registration Application.

You can also register to vote at De Soto City Hall (32905 W 84th St.). For questions on voter registration, contact the Johnson County Election Office at 913.715.6800.

## WHEN IS THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE?

The deadline to register to vote in this election is

**Tuesday, May 31st, 2022.**

However, voters who register after Monday, May 23rd, 2022 need to request a ballot by calling the JOCO Election Office; they will not be mailed one automatically.

## WHEN ARE BALLOTS DUE?

**Tuesday, June 21st @ noon**