

# Sales Tax Renewal Proposal



## City of Lawrence

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"We Have  
Tomorrow —  
Bright Before  
Us, Like A  
Flame."

Langston Hughes

### Sales tax renewal proposals for public transportation, infrastructure and equipment, and affordable housing

#### Question #1 - 0.2 percent for public transportation

*A special sales tax for public transit operations and capital investment*

Public transportation in Lawrence travels throughout the community to businesses, educational institutions and employment areas. This revenue source will be used to leverage federal and state dollars to continue operations of the City's Public Transit System, as well as to purchase and maintain buses and other transit vehicles and equipment, facilities, and amenities like shelters and benches.

#### Question #2 - 0.3 percent for infrastructure and equipment

*A special sales tax for infrastructure and capital investment*

A dedicated revenue source for streets, sidewalks, storm water, recreational path infrastructure and fire apparatus and equipment. The sales tax revenue will help Lawrence continue the current level of maintenance of residential streets and make improvements to high traffic streets such as 23rd street, from the Haskell Bridge to the east City limits. This revenue source will be used to fund sidewalk projects and pedestrian improvements including installation of accessible ramps, as well as bikeways, trails, recreational paths, traffic calming devices, and curb and gutter replacement. Funds will also be used to purchase fire trucks and equipment like mobile radios and personal protective equipment for our firefighters.

#### Question #3 - 0.05 percent for affordable housing

*A special sales tax for affordable housing*

Additional dedicated resources to provide and improve the quality, availability, and affordability of housing in Lawrence. Funds will be used for acquiring land for future affordable housing units; investing in private/public partnerships for the provision of affordable housing; and other related affordable housing purposes as may be in the best interest of the City.

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### How long will the sales tax be in place?

All approved sales taxes will be effective April 1, 2019 and sunset in 10 years.

#### When does voting begin?

Advanced voting: October 18, 2017  
General Election: November 7, 2017

Register to vote:

[www.douglas-county.org](http://www.douglas-county.org)

#### How does the voting work?

The ballot will have three questions and voters can vote yes or no for each question. Simple majority rules.

#### What does the ballot say?

The ballot and more information can be seen here: [lawrenceks.org/sales-tax/proposal](http://lawrenceks.org/sales-tax/proposal) and the ballot questions are on the back of this newsletter.

**More information:**  
[lawrenceks.org/sales-tax/proposal](http://lawrenceks.org/sales-tax/proposal)



**NOTICE OF SPECIAL QUESTION ELECTION  
CITY OF LAWRENCE, KANSAS**

TO ALL THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCE, KANSAS:

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the City of Lawrence, Kansas (the "City") that a special question election in the City of Lawrence, Kansas has been called and will be held in conjunction with the general election on the 7th day of November, 2017, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City the following propositions:

**Question Number One:**

Shall the following be adopted?

Shall the City of Lawrence, Kansas be authorized to impose a special purpose city retailers' sales tax in the amount of two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) on retail sales consummated within the City of Lawrence, Kansas, for the purposes of operating a City Public Transit System, including purchasing and maintaining buses and other transit vehicles, transit facilities, and equipment and such other transit-related purposes as may be in the best interest of the City, the collection of such sales tax to commence on April 1, 2019 and shall terminate ten years after its commencement, all in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 12-187 et seq., and amendments thereto?

To vote in favor of this question, darken the oval completely next to the word, "Yes." To vote against it, darken the oval completely next to the word, "No."

**Question Number Two:**

Shall the following be adopted?

Shall the City of Lawrence, Kansas be authorized to impose a special purpose city retailers' sales tax in the amount of three-tenths of one percent (0.3%) on retail sales consummated within the City of Lawrence, Kansas, for the purposes of constructing, improving, and maintaining public streets, sidewalks, storm water facilities, and recreational trails, bikeways, and paths including residential traffic calming devices, residential curb and gutter replacement, improvements to crosswalks and accessible ramps, reconstruction of roads and intersections, purchasing fire apparatus and related fire equipment including radios and personal protective equipment, and such other related street, sidewalk, storm water, and recreational path infrastructure, and fire equipment purposes as may be in the best interest of the City, the collection of such sales tax to commence on April 1, 2019 and shall terminate ten years after its commencement, all in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 12-187 et seq., and amendments thereto?

To vote in favor of this question, darken the oval completely next to the word, "Yes." To vote against it, darken the oval completely next to the word, "No."

**Question Number Three:**

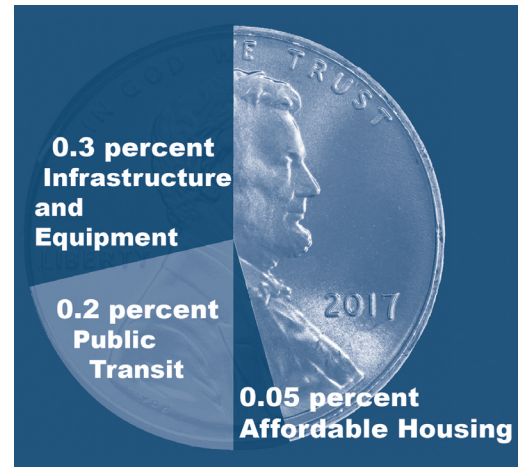
Shall the following be adopted?

Shall the City of Lawrence, Kansas be authorized to impose a special purpose city retailers' sales tax in the amount of five one-hundredths of one percent (0.05%) in the City of Lawrence, Kansas, for the purposes of providing and improving the quality, availability, and affordability of housing in Lawrence; acquiring land for future affordable housing units; investing in private/public partnerships for the provision of affordable housing; and such other related affordable housing purposes as may be in the best interest of the City, the collection of such sales tax to commence on April 1, 2019 and shall terminate ten years after its commencement, all in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 12-187 et seq., and amendments thereto?

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Notice is further given that the polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m. on November 7, 2017.

Voting information: [www.douglas-county.org](http://www.douglas-county.org)



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