

City Sales Tax Measure F

FACT SHEET

WHAT is the City Sales Tax Measure?

On August 4, 2014, the City Council of the City of Tehachapi voted unanimously to place a measure on the ballot for the November 4, 2014 general municipal election. The measure, if adopted by the voters, will temporarily increase the Sales Tax rate within the City limits, from 7.5% to 8% on taxable goods.

The language on the ballot will read:

“To provide funding that stays in Tehachapi and cannot be seized by the State, to be used for increased street maintenance, improving senior services, enhancing public facilities, and improving other general city services, shall an ordinance be adopted to enact a temporary, one half of one percent sales tax for 10 years, with mandatory audits and annual community reporting?”

WHERE will the money be used?

Sales taxes are collected by the City’s General Fund and will be spent on additional public projects and services including increased street improvements, public safety, cultural arts, senior services, public recreation and public space, community beautification, and more.

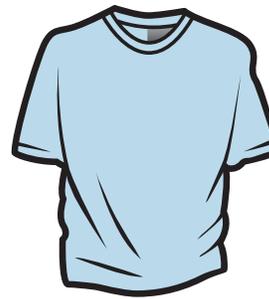


HOW MUCH will it cost me?

The temporary increase in sales tax will raise the total taxes by 0.5% or one-half of one percent. It will only affect taxable items such as household goods and will not affect common non-taxable items such as groceries and food items.

The measure will also only be in place within the City Limits and will not affect purchases made in the unincorporated area of Tehachapi.

Let’s take a look at how it will add up:



**A \$20 purchase
on Clothing
would result in**

10¢

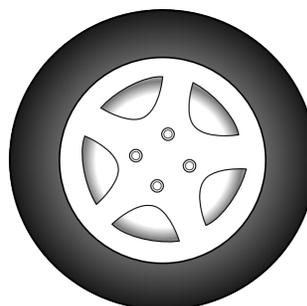
of additional tax under
Measure F



**A \$100 purchase
on Groceries
would result in**

0

of additional tax under Measure
F since food is non-taxable



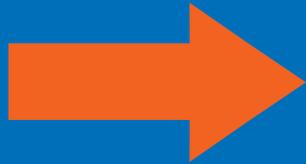
**A \$200 purchase
on Tires would
result in**

\$1.00

of additional tax under
Measure F

How Much Does the City Currently Collect in Sales Taxes?

The City currently collects 1% of the sales taxes paid with-in the City, which amounts to approximately \$2.5 million annually. A breakdown of the current sales tax rate, using information from the State Board of Equalization, can be found in the table here.



Rate	Jurisdiction	Purpose/Goes to:
3.6875%	State	State's General
0.25%	State	State's Fiscal Recovery Fund
0.50%	State	Local Public Safety Fund
0.25%	State	State's Education Protection Account
0.50%	State	Support local health & social services programs
1.0625%	State	Goes to Local Revenue Fund 2011
1.25%	Local	1.00% Goes to City Operations 0.25% Goes to County Operations
TOTAL 7.50%		

FAQ's

Can the increased sales tax be taken by the State?

No. Unlike the elimination of Redevelopment Agencies and their associated funding, the State cannot take the additional sales tax. It will be collected and spent locally on City projects and services.

How will the public be able to ensure accountability?

Annual audits of the funds will be conducted and a report will be published every year that details spending activities. The public will also be able to provide input on spending priorities during annual City Council workshops.

What if the measure doesn't pass?

The City will continue to operate as normal. We have a balanced budget and are not in any fiscal danger. These funds are purely to assist us in maintaining and providing for our City.

How much additional revenue will be generated?

Using current sales tax numbers it is expected to generate \$1.25 million.

When will it go into effect?

The increase would take effect in early 2015.

UPcoming Events

City Council meets at 6pm on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at Wells Education Center. **Next Up: October 6th & 20th**

**Oct
4**

Health Fair; West Park Activity Center 8 - 12
Toxic RoundUP;
Tehachapi Landfill
9 - 12

**Oct
11/12**

2nd Annual Apple Festival;
Downtown Tehachapi
10am - 6pm
TehachapiAppleFestival.com

**Oct
31**

Trunk or Treat
Downtown 5 - 7pm
& Halloween Movie
in the Park; West Park
Activity Center 7pm

**Dec
6**

Chamber Christmas
Parade and Tree
Lighting Ceremony
5:30pm
www.Tehachapi.com

Come talk to us! We're always happy to hear from you and excited to share what is happening here.

Michelle Vance
(661) 822-2200 ext 121
mvance@TehachapiCityHall.com

 Find us on
Facebook



CITY OF
TEHACHAPI
CALIFORNIA

115 South Robinson Street | Tehachapi, California 93561-1722 | (661) 822-2200 | Fax: (661) 822-8559

www.TehachapiCityHall.com