

Keep Making Memories-Lebanon Parks Parks and Storm Water Sales Tax Information

August Ballot Preview

On August 3, 2021, Lebanon residents will be asked to vote on the following measure:

Question 1

Shall the City of Lebanon, Missouri impose a sales tax of one-half of one percent from the date on which such tax is first imposed for the purpose of providing funding for local parks and storm water control for the City of Lebanon, Missouri?

What is Question 1?

Question 1 seeks voter approval to impose a one-half cent parks and storm water sales tax, (3/8 to parks and 1/8 to storm water). A simple majority is required for passage. If approved, the City shall roll back the current park tax levy of .2609 on real and personal property to .0000.

How much is the tax?

The proposed parks sales tax rate is $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1%, or simply $\frac{1}{2}$ of one penny for every dollar spent within the city.

Does it apply to all retail purchases?

The tax only applies to retail sales made within Lebanon that are subject to taxation under state law. Certain sales, such as retail food, are excluded.

How does the tax change affect me?

If you own a house valued at \$100,000 and a car valued at \$15,000 you would pay approximately \$63.00 annually on real and personal property taxes. With the $\frac{1}{2}$ cent change to a sales tax, you need to spend \$12,000 dollars on purchases in the City to see an increase in your taxes.

What are a parks and storm water sales tax?

Park and storm water sales tax are collected on retail sales made within Lebanon and dedicated to providing funding for local parks and storm water control for the City of Lebanon, MO. Both residents and non-residents who shop in Lebanon will pay the sales tax. Because City parks and infrastructure are also enjoyed by non-residents, they would also share in the cost of improving and maintaining the parks and storm water system.

What will the park and storm water sales tax be used for?

Funds collected from the park's sales tax will be used to maintain and improve local parks and recreation facilities including trails, sports fields, neighborhood parks, and add two new parks to the Southeast and southwest areas of the city.

Will the new revenue replace existing revenue?

The new revenue dedicated to park maintenance and improvements will replace personal property tax revenue dedicated to parks. It will enable the City to expand park maintenance and improve facilities with local funds. It will also provide a future funding source for improvements to parks, a source that is presently very limited.

What happens if the parks sales tax does not pass?

The City will continue to maintain the parks with existing revenues. Maintaining existing facilities, as opposed to making improvements and adding new parks, will be a priority. Some improvements outlined in the Parks Master Plan may still be pursued, but likely at a much slower pace due to funding limitations including the lack of grant opportunities. The parks sales tax is an opportunity for an increase in the dedicated source of revenue used for maintaining and improving Lebanon parks.

Where and when can I vote on Question 1?

The General Municipal Election is scheduled for Tuesday August 3, 2021. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Lebanon residents vote at their regular polling places.

What Improvements can Citizens Expect?

[Lebanon Park Masterplan](#)

[City of Lebanon Capital Improvement Plan](#)

[Lebanon Citizen Satisfaction Survey](#)



Parks and Recreation Master Plan Implementation

Implementing recommendations from an updated Park Master Plan to include recreation and updated citizen priorities for park amenities.

Park Maintenance

Continued focus on maintenance and identification of expansion and improvement opportunities to existing parks.

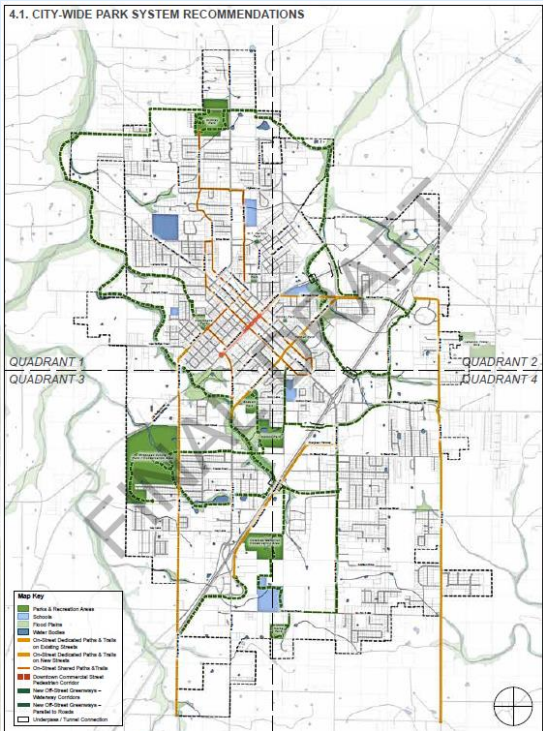


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Park Expansion

Continued focus on areas identified for expansion by the Park's Master Plan which will include two new parks, one located in the Southeast, and one located in the Southwest area of the city.

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Trail Connectivity

Additional trails to local parks and neighborhoods as identified in the park’s master plan.



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Storm Water Improvements

Storm water runoff is generated from rain and snowmelt that flows over land or impervious surfaces such as paved streets and parking lots and does not soak into the ground. Storm water management including detention and retention can mitigate some of the harmful outcomes of storm water runoff. Currently the City of Lebanon does not have a dedicated fund for storm water improvements. Some of the proposed projects would address the areas of Mount Rose, Bland Rd., Kansas Ave., Washington, Magnetic Addition, Old Town, and 34.5 miles of other drainageway maintenance and stabilization.

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