

City of Basehor

Proposed Sales Taxes 2025 FAQ

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What are the two ballot questions registered voters will be deciding on November 4, 2025 in conjunction with the General Election?

Shall the following be adopted?

Shall the City of Basehor, Kansas be authorized to impose a special one-half percent (0.50%) City-wide retailers' sales tax (the "2026 Streets Sales Tax"), the revenues derived from which shall be used for the purpose of financing the costs of maintaining and improving existing city streets, the collection of the 2026 Streets Sales Tax to commence on April 1, 2026, or as soon thereafter as permitted by law, and to terminate ten years after its commencement?

Shall the following be adopted?

Shall the City of Basehor, Kansas be authorized to impose a one-half percent (0.50%) Citywide retailers' sales tax (the "2026 Parks Sales Tax"), the revenues derived from which shall be used for the purpose of financing the costs of improvements, including new construction, acquisition costs, and maintenance, to City parks, trails and other recreational facilities, the collection of the 2026 Parks Sales Tax to commence on April 1, 2026, or as soon thereafter as permitted by law, and to terminate ten years after its commencement?

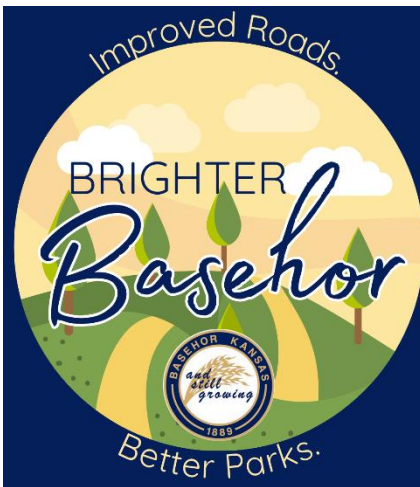
Why are there two separate questions on the ballot?

There are two separate items on which the voters are to decide. The first would authorize a one-half percent special sales tax with a 10-year sunset for maintaining and improving existing City streets. This would fund the City's *Paving for Progress* roadway plan that includes a timeline to address every City street within the next 8 years if the proposed sales tax were to be approved. The second would authorize a one-half percent special sales tax with a 10-year sunset for City parks, trails, and other recreational facilities. These projects would include improvements to Basehor City Park, the addition of more trails, and park facilities.

The full list of the proposed improvements for both of these sales tax questions, including interactive maps, can be found on the City's website at www.cityofbasehor.org. From the menu, select, "I Want to... Learn About City Projects... Brighter Basehor: Sales Tax Election 2025."

Can one ballot question pass and not the other one?

Yes. The ballot questions are separate and independent of one another.



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What type of election is it?

The Sales Tax Election 2025 will be conducted during the 2025 General Election.

When is the election?

The election will take place with the General Election on November 4, 2025.

What would the proposed “2026 Streets Sales Tax” be used for?

The City has heard from residents and business owners from surveys conducted from 2019 to 2025 that maintaining and improving the City’s street network is a priority. The City has completed a street inventory and assessment. A pavement management plan, *Paving for Progress*, was then created to provide for the maintenance and improvements of the City’s streets. If funded, the *Paving for Progress* roadway plan will provide maintenance to all City streets within 8 years.

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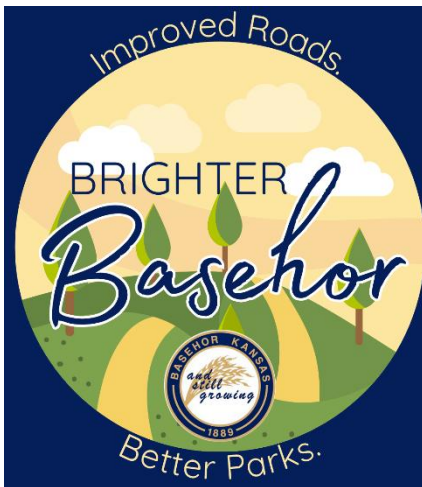
What would the proposed “2026 Parks Sales Tax” be used for?

In every survey conducted by the City from 2019 to 2025, residents have consistently said they want to see more parks, trails, and recreational opportunities. These projects would include improvements to Basehor City Park, the addition of more trails, and other park facilities, including the acquisition and preservation of additional park space. In order to continue to expand and improve/modernize our city-owned parks, funding is necessary.

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How much sales tax would this generate for the City?

The sales tax estimates indicate the City would receive \$7.1 million over the 10 year period for each of the sales taxes proposed. If both sales taxes were to be approved, this would generate an estimated \$14.2 million over the 10 year period. Those dollars would be restricted for uses only related to park improvements and road improvements, respectively.



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Why can't the City save money over time and pay for these improvements when the resources are available?

The Mayor and City Council have worked hard to fund many of the recent improvements that have occurred, such as 155th Street Improvements, MetroGreen Trail, City Hall, and the Civic Campus Park Improvements (splash pad, playground, event lawn, fishing pond, amphitheater, and trail) from a combination of cash reserves, external grant dollars, and debt financing. Since 2020, the City has received \$22 million in grants for major projects in the community, which is about 6 times the amount of property taxes the City collects in a single year. It is important to note, all of these projects have been completed with no increase to the mill rate for Basehor property owners.

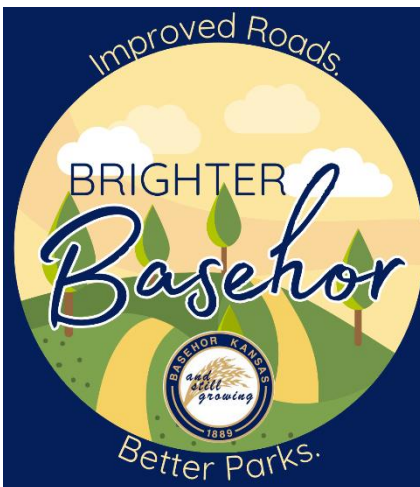
This proposed sales taxes will allow the City to ensure even more projects will be possible, including things like developing more parks and trails and ensuring all City roads can be maintained and preserved.

Why is the City proposing an additional sales tax instead of some other revenue source?

Improvements and maintenance to City streets are solely funded through sales tax revenues. If funded, the *Paving for Progress* roadway plan will provide maintenance to all City streets within 8 years. Without the sales tax, minimal improvements will occur over a longer period of time. Without the proposed sales tax, it will take the City an estimated 17 years to provide maintenance to all City roadways.

Everyone who shops in Basehor will pay the sales tax, including those who do not live here or pay property taxes here. This allows community members from neighboring towns and cities who drive on our roads and visit our parks to assist us with funding our City's streets and parks. As parks and streets are really community assets, a sales tax was determined to be the most equitable way to help fund them.

More people pay sales tax in Basehor than they do property taxes. That's because people who visit and shop in Basehor also pay Basehor sales tax. One of the sales tax questions is estimated to generate \$7.1 million in revenue. To generate the same amount of revenue through property taxes would result in a mill rate increase of 4.6 mills. For the average homeowner, that would mean the City's portion of the tax bill would increase \$215 annually. If one of the sales tax measures would pass, that means on average, a resident would pay about \$74 more in sales tax annually, as opposed to \$215 more in property taxes annually.



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How does the City's sales tax rate compare to other areas?

The City's current sales tax rate is 8.5%, which is one of the lowest rates in the region. A 1% increase (the total increase if both sales tax ballot questions are approved) would bring that sales tax rate to 9.5%. This would make it the same or lower than Leavenworth, Bonner Springs, Kansas City (Legends), and Shawnee.

How much of the sales tax does the City receive?

The majority of the sales tax collected in the City goes directly to the State of Kansas. 6.5% of the current rate goes to the State of Kansas. 1% is a County sales tax. 1% is an existing City sales tax.

Can these additional sales tax be used for some other purpose in the future?

No. The sales tax is required to be used only for the categories that are identified in the ballot language.

What happens if the sales tax initiative fails? Will property taxes go up?

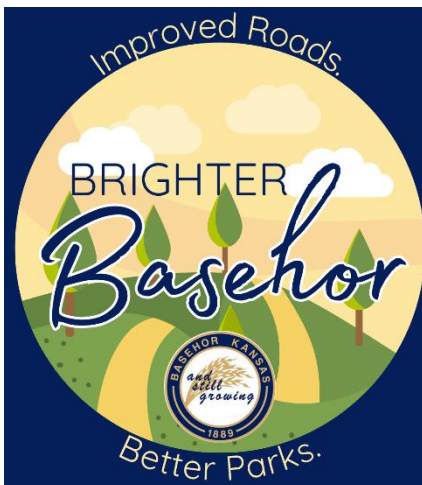
The City could do its best with the funding it currently has, but some projects would need to be delayed or not completed at all. Sales tax and property tax are different. Improvements and maintenance to City streets are solely funded through sales tax revenues. The City Council has expressed its intent that it does not desire to increase property taxes at this time.

If the sales tax for parks is not approved, the City will maintain the existing parks we have with funding that is available from the City's General Fund, as a dedicated funding source for parks does not exist. No additional enhancements or construction of new facilities is budgeted at this time with existing revenues.

If the sales tax for roads is not approved, the City will provide modest maintenance on its roadways with the funding available over a longer period of time.

Do the additional sales taxes last forever?

No, the City Council included a 10-year sunset, which means the City would stop collecting the additional sales tax, unless it is renewed by a vote of qualified voters, in 10 years. This gives future City Councils and the voters an opportunity to decide if this sales tax should continue or be stopped.



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What does a 1% increase in sales tax look like when items are purchased in the City?

If you go to a restaurant and spend \$30, the additional 1% sales tax would add \$0.30 to your total bill.
If you go to the store and spend \$100, the additional 1% sales tax would add \$1.00 to your total bill.

If passed, when do the tax dollars begin to benefit Basehor?

The collection of the 2026 Streets and Parks Sales Taxes would begin on April 1, 2026, or as soon thereafter as permitted by law, and would terminate ten years after its commencement.

Where can I read more about the ways these additional sales taxes could be used?

The best way to stay informed is looking at our website at www.cityofbasehor.org. From the menu, select, "I Want to... Learn About City Projects... Brighter Basehor: Sales Tax Election 2025." City staff will be releasing information regarding the sales tax every week. Community groups (such as volunteer groups, HOAs, etc.) can request the City to conduct a presentation regarding the sales tax election by emailing City Hall staff at info@cityofbasehor.org.