

# What you need to know about the proposed sales tax

Should a one percent (1.00%) sales tax be levied in Haysville with the purpose of funding a Local Street, Park & Recreation Improvement Program? On April 1, 2014, registered voters in Haysville will be able to weigh in on this question. Before you do, you should know how revenue generated from a sales tax would help to enhance the quality of life throughout town.

## **Funding of Street Improvements**

- South Meridian Expansion
- North Main St. Re-construction
- Reconstruction of streets most in need, as determined in the Annual Street Report

## **Upgrades to City Parks**

- Park/ Pond Development on 79th St.
- Continue Multi-Use Path Expansion
- Expansion and Improvement of Currently Existing Parks

## **Activity Center Enhancements**

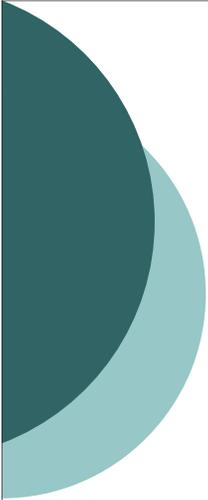
- Expansion of Facilities
- Increased Program Offerings

As you can see by this list of anticipated projects, Haysville is growing. This is something we all should be excited about. A portion of the funding for these projects will come from the City's Capital Improvement Fund, Transient Guest Tax revenue, the Park Improvement Reserve Fund and the like. But in order to see all of these projects to fruition, a growing town like Haysville needs additional support. We believe some of this support can be found in the form of increased revenue from a sales tax levy.

Please turn this information sheet over for additional information.



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Haysville**



## City of Haysville Requests One Percent Sales Tax

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# What you need to know about the proposed sales tax Continued...

The City **does not** want to consider other revenue generating options, such as a property tax increase or higher fees for city services. City streets, public parks and other amenities are used by residents and visitors alike. Therefore, a sales tax would distribute the tax burden among both residents and visitors in the **fairest** way possible.

**Let's do the math:** If you bought one hundred dollars worth of groceries at Homeland, your taxes today would be \$7.15. With the one percent increase your tax would be just \$8.15. If a family from out of town stops at Bionic Burger after the Fall Festival and has a \$25 order, their tax would be \$2.04 rather than \$1.79. That doesn't seem like such a big difference, does it? But the City could expect to benefit by an estimated **\$490,000** per year.

This additional revenue would allow for the funding of more street projects. Most of our current funding for street improvements comes from gas taxes levied at the state and county levels. Haysville can plan to receive about \$400,000 from the gas taxes in 2014, a number which has remained relatively stable over the last few years. While this may seem like good news, the amount of streets Haysville maintains has increased from 37.44 to 42.65 over the past nine years – an increase of 14%. And of course, maintaining more streets means spending more money on materials. The cost per ton of asphalt has increased from \$27 in 2004 to \$50 in 2013. More funds must be allocated to our maintenance budget from other sources, or necessary improvements could not be completed.

Even with the revenue options available, there will be shortfalls that must be accounted for, which is where a sales tax comes into play. We intend to apply about 50 percent of the revenue generated by a sales tax to street improvements. This additional revenue would give the City the means necessary to complete **more** street projects each year.

The remaining tax dollars would be applied to park and recreation improvements like those listed on the previous page. Again, the City believes a sales tax would generate the extra revenue necessary to maintain and improve the quality of life for Haysville residents without overextending your personal finances.

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