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Quality of Life

SALES TAX
QUESTION #1

Why are we asking for this Quality of Life sales tax increase?

This sales tax will help provide a funding source to improve Quality of Life items for our community. Such items could be enhancements at the waterpark, zoo, parks, build basketball courts and or help bring in better attractions that put us ahead of our sister communities.

How would the money be spent?

If this does pass, a Citizen Committee will be developed to create and prioritize a long term Quality of Life projects plan with studies and community data in mind. City Council will also have the ability to adjust priorities as members see fit. No priorities for this project have been set ahead of the election. Some ideas include but not limited to:

- Park Enhancements
- Playgrounds
- Waterpark additions
- Skate Park Improvements
- Soccer Fields
- Basketball Courts
- Pickleball Courts
- Sidewalks/ADA Accessibility
- Recreation & Parks
- Hike & Bike Improvements
- Maintenance for upkeep of additions.

What happens if the Quality of Life Sales Tax is not approved by voters?

In order to help grow Great Bend and bring new and improved amenities to town, we would have to wait for available funding, which could be many years into the future. Funding sources for the projects, mandated or otherwise, may fall on the capital improvement plans and property owners might end up paying for their construction without the assistance of visitors to our city.

How much money would be collected over this period of time for capital projects?

We conservatively estimate that in the coming years the .15% Quality of Life sales tax would generate \$565,000 per year.

How do we plan to oversee these funds to make sure they are allocated as presented?

A diverse committee will be assembled to develop and recommend a long-term plan for how these monies will be used. The city council will be entrusted with oversight of the funds and have the final say as to how the money is allocated.

Will there be new Quality of Life or just upgrade current facilities?

The sales tax will provide funding for development of new Quality of Life projects as well as the maintenance of existing facilities.

What areas in the city will benefit from Quality of Life?

Quality of Life is defined as “the standard of health, comfort, and happiness experienced by an individual or group.” That is an intentionally broad term that allows us freedom to utilize the funds in ways that will positively impact those three areas.

Will there ever be a need to increase the Quality-of-Life Tax?

That cannot be answered at this time. However, currently there are no plans to ask for an increase.

What age group in the population will be affected?

People of every age will be positively impacted by this initiative. The intent will be to use these funds to develop and maintain a wide array of improvements for all citizens.

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**VOTE ON
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