



Opportunity to vote on local Recreational Marijuana Sales Tax

April 4, 2023

On April 4, 2023, Independence residents will have the opportunity to vote on a proposed 3% sales tax to be collected on purchases of recreational marijuana.

A yes vote means:

The voter approves the collection of the 3% local sales tax on recreational marijuana purchases made within the Independence city limits. The sales tax funds collected would be used for the needs of the Police, Fire, Dispatch, and Emergency Preparedness Departments within the City of Independence.

A no vote means:

No local sales tax will be collected.

Sample Ballot Language

“For the purpose of funding Public Safety facilities and operations, shall the City of Independence, Missouri impose an additional sales tax of three percent (3%) on the retail sale of adult use non-medical marijuana?”

YES

NO

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:

If you are in favor of the question, place an “X” in the box opposite “Yes”. If you are opposed to the questions, place an “X” in the box opposite “No”.



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Here are some of the ways the funds could be used if voters approve this sales tax:

Police Department:

Prioritize the planning and design of a new public safety facility that will:

- Address health and safety issues including water intrusion, electrical, and mechanical systems in various locations throughout the Independence Police Department Headquarters.
- Address the ongoing need for space to house officers, vehicles, and equipment.
- Address the ongoing need to house evidence and prisoners.

Dispatch:

- Address staffing and retention needs within the division
- Provide additional funds for training
- Update equipment including radios and technology

Fire Department:

- Provide funding for the ARCH program beyond the current pilot program

Emergency Preparedness:

- Update equipment and technology
- Increase community and public outreach training, resources, and engagement.