



CITY OF IOLA

SALES TAX EXTENSION – Information

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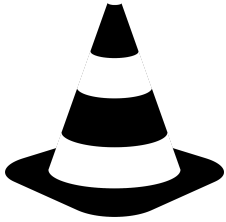
2018 SALES TAX EXTENSION – BALLOT QUESTION

For Iola residents, the November 6th ballot will have a question asking to extend the existing ½-cent sales tax for major street and capital improvements.

QUICK FACTS

- **Does not increase sales tax within Iola City Limits.** The ballot questions serves to extend the existing ½-cent sales tax for major street and capital improvements, which sunsets December 31, 2019. The extension puts the sunset on December 31, 2029.
- **It is not a new tax.** In 1989, the ½-cent sales tax was approved for major street projects. This same sales tax has been “renewed” or “extended” on four other occasions.
- **Current, Total Sales Tax in Iola – 8.750%.** This includes 6.50% for the State of Kansas, 1.25% for Allen County, 0.50% for the City of Iola - General Fund, and the 0.50% for Major Streets & Capital Projects. The average total sales tax in surrounding communities is 9.27%.
- **Outside shoppers contribute to the sales tax.** Every purchase within Iola City Limits helps generate revenue, whether it is made by an Iola resident or someone from out-of-town shopping in Iola for the day.
- **This Sales Tax initiative only funds Major Street and Capital Improvements.** This sales tax is dedicated to projects that address the infrastructure needs for the City of Iola. See PAST(PREVIOUSLY-FUNDED) PROJECTS and FUTURE PROJECTS below.
- **This Sales Tax generates over \$600,000 annually.** The revenue from this ½-cent sales tax offsets nearly 20-mills of Personal Property Tax.

PREVIOUSLY FUNDED PROJECTS



Road Projects

Kentucky Street Reconstruction
Cottonwood Street Reconstruction
Lincoln Street Reconstruction
Jefferson Avenue Bridge
US HWY 54 - East of Jump Start



Sidewalk & Trails Projects

Safe Routes to School
Miller Road Sidewalk
State Street Sidewalk
Prairie Spirit Rail Trail Extension
Missouri Pacific Rail Trail



Other Projects

Happy Tails Recreational Dog Park
Cedarbrook Subdivision - Development Work
Sealcoat for Municipal Parking Lots
Allen County Regional Hospital - Construction Support

FUTURE PROJECTS

US HWY 54 – Total Reconstruction from McDonald's to Jump Start

For more information, call the City of Iola at 620.365.4900