

Proposition A

What does my vote mean?

A vote FOR Proposition A: maintains 2% total sales tax rate; dedicates the 0.5% additional sales tax rate to general government purposes; preserves current revenue levels.

A vote AGAINST Proposition A: maintains 2% total sales tax rate; makes no change to the 0.5% additional sales tax rate; may cause revenue loss and negative impacts on essential city services.

Will my tax rate change?

No. A vote FOR or AGAINST Proposition A will not change your current municipal sales tax rate of 2% or your current property tax rate of 41.4 cents per \$100 valuation.

How is local sales tax used?

Local sales tax is used for general government purposes, economic development, and street maintenance. The additional sales tax is currently used for general government purposes, such as public safety and parks, and will continue to be used for these purposes.

How is sales tax applied?

Sales tax is applied to the purchase of most goods and services in Texas at a maximum rate of 8.25%. The current and proposed distribution of revenue from sales tax is as follows:

Current:

State of Texas 6.25%

City of Jarrell 2.00% (.5% additional; 1% general; .25% Economic Development, .25% Street Maintenance)*

Proposed:

State of Texas 6.25%

City of Jarrell 2.00% (1.5% general; .25% Economic Development, .25% Street Maintenance)*

* City of Jarrell only collects 1.00% in certain areas where Williamson County Emergency Services District NO. 5 collects sales tax

WHY HAS A SPECIAL ELECTION BEEN CALLED?

Jarrell voters adopted an additional sales tax creating a revenue source that is paid by residents and non-residents and used for essential city services including public safety and quality of life. The additional sales tax is used to calculate the property tax rollback rate, which was lowered by state law in 2020. This change in law can create a negative impact on Jarrell property tax revenue. Voters are being asked to consider changing the additional sales tax use to general government purposes. If approved, the additional sales tax will no longer be used to calculate the property tax rollback rate; the rollback rate will be calculated according to the 2020 change in state law.