

# Street & Stormwater Sales Tax Renewal

City Council  
October 14, 2019

# Staff Recommendation

- Staff recommends renewal of current sales tax
- Exact same language with same restrictions
- 1/4-cent renewal – no change in sales tax rate
- 10-year; effective Jan 1, 2021 – Dec 31, 2030
- Mail Ballot Election on January 28, 2020

# Street & Stormwater Tax – Allowable Uses

- City Streets
- Bridges
- Associated Drainage
- Stormwater Drainage Projects
- Can be used for debt service for those improvements, if needed

# Street & Stormwater Tax – Recommended Language

Shall the City of Merriam, Kansas be authorized to levy a special purpose city retailers' sales tax in the amount of **one-fourth of one percent** (0.25%) and to use revenue from such tax to pay the cost of improving certain **City streets, bridges and associated drainage**, which improvements may include grading, curbs, gutters, pavement and other surfacing, driveway entrances and structures, drainage work incidental thereto, service connections from utility mains, conduits or pipes necessarily lying within curb lines, streetlights, street lighting systems, storm water drains, retaining walls and area walls on public ways or land abutting thereon, sidewalks, street trees and landscaping, **stormwater drainage projects**, and all related improvements ("Improvements") and all things necessary and related to such Improvements, and be **authorized to pledge such sales tax for the payment of the principal and interest on general obligation bonds** issued to pay the cost of such Improvements, provided that such retailers' sales tax shall expire ten (10) years from the date it is first collected (expiration date of December 31, 2030), all pursuant to K.S.A. 12-187 et seq. and other applicable state statutory provisions?

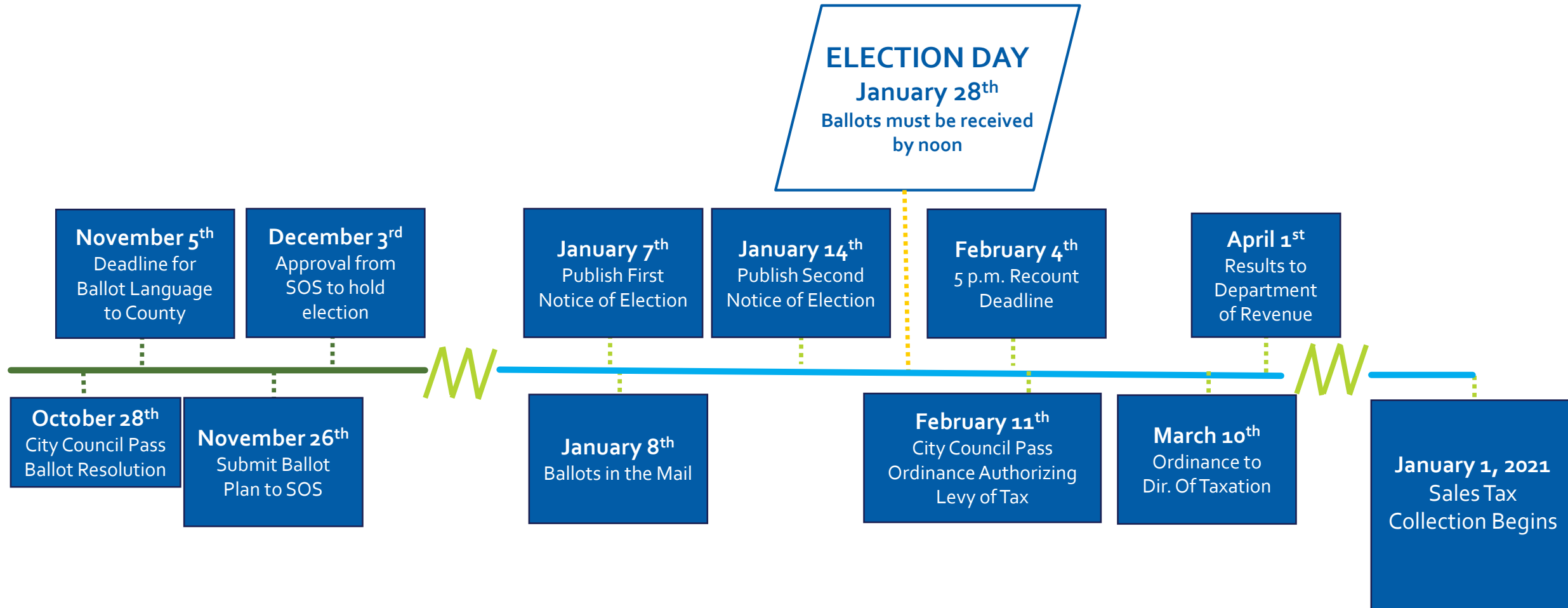
# How much is a ¼-cent sales tax?

- \$10 = \$0.03
- \$50 = \$0.13
- \$100 = \$0.25
- \$250 = \$0.63
- \$500 = \$1.25
- \$1,000 = \$2.50

# Mail Ballot Process

- A mail-in ballot is handled by JoCo Elections Office.
- City Council passes a resolution with the ballot question.
- JoCo Elections require ~90-day lead to manage the process. They mail the ballots to all registered voters no earlier than 20 days prior to election date and require all votes to be post-marked no later than noon on election date.
- Ballot measures pass by a simple majority of returned ballots.
- City billed for cost; ~\$3 per registered voter

# Election Timeline



# Questions