

VOTE BY MAIL

Ballots will be mailed to registered voters on October 31, 2023.

To vote; simply complete the ballot, sign the affidavit on the envelope, and drop the envelope in the mail.

Registered voters may also submit the ballot in person either at the Parowan City office during office hours, or at the Iron County Courthouse drop box, Cedar City Office, Enoch City Office.

Election Date: November 21, 2023
Polling Stations and Hours:
Early voting November 14th - 17th 2023 from 8:00am – 5:00pm
Location: Parowan Courthouse Only

Election Day November 21, 2023
Time: 7:00am – 8:00pm
Locations: Parowan Courthouse, Enoch City office and Cedar City Office.

Statewide voter information website:
www.vote.utah.gov

Election office website:
www.ironcounty.net

You may also visit the below website for information on polling stations for each voting precinct, including any changes to the locations
<https://www.ironcounty.net/government/departments/clerk/elections>



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VOTER INFORMATION

November 21, 2023
GENERAL
MUNICIPAL
ELECTION

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
REGARDING
THE PROPOSED

**RECREATION, ARTS, &
PARKS (RAP) TAX**

PROPOSITION #5



TITLE AND BALLOT LANGUAGE

PAROWAN CITY PROPOSAL TO ENACT A SALES AND USE TAX FOR RECREATION, ARTS, AND PARKS (RAP) Tax

Proposition #5

Shall Parowan City, Utah, be authorized to impose a .1% sales and use tax to help fund recreational amenities, park facilities, and cultural arts facilities in Parowan?

Funding may be used for capital improvements and operations of public owned /operated amenities such as, but not limited to:

- Parks
- Trails/Bike paths
- Sports Playing fields
- Swimming pool

Funding may be used to support municipal or non-profit organizations providing programs such as:

- Heritage Preservation
- Museums
- Festivals
- Concerts in the park

ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST THE RAP TAX

Parowan City has a wonderful rich heritage and believe recreation, arts, and parks (RAP) are integral parts to that heritage that we all love. With the beautiful Heritage Park, Aladdin Theater, Old Rock Church, Art programs, our growing trail system, along with the recreational programs within our town for all ages, these are all parts of our heritage and what we love most about our city. These programs create opportunities for families and residents to interact and create lasting memories with one another. To provide well maintained parks, trails, cultural activities, and meaningful recreation programs the City Council unanimously approved a Proposition on the ballot, which would enact a Recreation, Arts & Parks (RAP) tax in Parowan City.

RAP Tax is a sales tax, NOT a property tax, and is paid at the point of purchase for all sales-tax eligible purchases in Parowan City. The RAP tax would be an increase of 0.1% to the sales tax rate, increasing from 6.1% to 6.2%. This equates to 1 penny for every \$10 spent. Funds generated will only be used for programs within the city.

Since it is a sales tax, Parowan City residents will NOT be the only ones who pay the RAP Tax. This is a very important for our city considering how Parowan is the gateway to Brian Head and Cedar Breaks, the Iron County Fair and other beautiful surrounding areas.

Parowan City Council

Mayor Mollie Halterman

Councilmembers David Burton, Sharon Downey, Matthew Gale, Jim Shurtleff, and Rochell Topham

ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE RAP TAX- No arguments against the RAP Tax were submitted.

RAP TAX OVERVIEW

WHAT DOES RAP STAND FOR? RAP Stands for Recreation, Arts and Parks. A RAP tax is a sales and use tax that is added to the regular sales tax. Revenues generated for the RAP tax are reserved for specific programs including: Parks, Cultural Arts Programs, and Recreation.

The RAP tax is 0.1%. This would increase the sales tax rate from 6.1% to 6.2%. This equals 1 penny for every \$10 spent.

HOW LONG IS THE RAP PROGRAM AUTHORIZED?

If approved, the tax is in effect for up to 10 years. At the end of the 10 year period, it must be voted on again to be reinstated.

WHO PAYS THE RAP TAX? Anyone who makes a qualifying point of sale purchase in Parowan City pays the tax, regardless of their place of residency.

How much can I expect to pay? 1/10th of 1.% is equal to one cent for every \$10 spent.

WHERE ELSE IS A RAP TAX IN PLACE?

Brian Head, Cedar City, Washington County and other surrounding places. Shopping in these various locations contributes to their RAP tax programs and a significant portion of Parowan's RAP tax would be paid by visitors to our community as well.