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May Special Election

One-Half Cent Sales and Use Tax for Street Maintenance and Repair

The City of Alamo Heights will hold an election on Saturday, May 1, 2021, asking voters to reauthorize the one-half of one percent sales and use tax to continue to provide revenue for the maintenance and repair of existing city streets. This tax was first approved and adopted by citizens in 2008.

The State of Texas allows municipalities to collect a sales and use tax exclusively for the maintenance and rehabilitation of existing public streets (Tax Code Chapter 327.006). This same law currently requires that voters reauthorize the tax every four years.

The one-half cent sales and use tax will generate approximately \$660,000 each year, allowing the City to address the funding challenge associated with the maintenance of the City's infrastructure.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the current sales tax rate?

The current sales and use tax rate in Alamo Heights is 8.25%, of which 6.25% goes to the state, 1% to the City, .5% to the City Street Maintenance Fund and .5% to the VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority.

How much will this increase the current sales tax amount?

If approved, the sales and use tax rate would not increase the current sales and use tax. This proposition reauthorizes the current collection of one-half of one percent sales and use tax dedicated for street maintenance and repair. The highest sales tax allowed by state law is 8.25%. Non-residents who purchase goods in Alamo Heights and utilize the City streets would share the cost in maintaining/repairing the streets through the sales tax.

BRIEFS

SEWER AVERAGE

Reminder: the new 2020/2021 Winter Average Sewer Rate will be in effect and reflected on your April bill.

Winter Averaging monitors the amount of water you use during three complete billing cycles. The City uses the months of Nov., Dec., and Jan. consumption.

Questions about your sewer charge should be directed to Amanda Borrego, Utility Billing coordinator at 210-882-1507 or aborrego@alamoheightstx.gov.

Mosquito Control

With all the moisture in the air mosquitoes have found ideal breeding grounds. By following some tips residents can assist with the effort to reduce the mosquito numbers and help protect yourself from being bitten.

- **DRAIN**—Eliminate any potential standing water on your property
- **DEFEND**—use an EPA-registered mosquito repellent such as DEET, Picardidin or oil of lemon eucalyptus.
- **DRESS**—Wear light colored, loose fitting clothing that minimizes skin exposure.

CITY CALENDAR

MARCH

Monday, March 1
Planning & Zoning Meeting
5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 3
Board of Adjustment Meeting
5:30 p.m.

Monday, March 8
City Council Meeting
5:30 p.m.



Tuesday, March 16
Architectural Review Board
Meeting
5:30 p.m.

Monday, March 22
City Council Meeting
5:30 p.m.



May Special Election Continued

Can the tax collected for street maintenance and repair be used for any project?

State law requires the one-half cent sales and use tax to be spent only on the maintenance and repair of the streets that exist at the time of the election. The funds cannot be used for the construction of NEW roadways or sidewalks.

How will street maintenance be performed?

In 2007, the City established a 20-year Street Maintenance Program which schedules the maintenance and repair of all City streets. In 2008, the City began collecting a dedicated Street Maintenance sales tax and has collected \$3,979,020 as of February 2021. With the dedicated street maintenance sales tax revenue, bond funds and general fund transfers, the City has completed a total of \$8,148,080 street projects as of September 2020. The one-half of one percent would generate approximately \$660,000 in total dedicated street maintenance revenue during the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

May General Election

The **General Election** has been **cancelled** due to unopposed candidates. The following were declared elected to office to serve a two-year term:

Mayor—Bobby Rosenthal

Councilmember Place 1—Lawson Jessee

Councilmember Place 2—Wes Sharples



The Alamo Heights Fire Department encourages all residents to be active in home fire safety. Remember to change the battery in your smoke detectors every time you “spring forward and fall back” with daylight savings time changes. If you need new smoke detectors, need to replace old smoke detectors, or replace batteries please reach out to us for assistance at <https://alamoheightsfire.com/>.

Click the “[Click Here to Contact Us](#)” link to request help and read more about home fire safety.

- Three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in properties without working smoke alarms.
- More than 1/3 (38%) of home fire deaths result from fires in which no smoke alarms are present.
- The risk of dying in a home fire is cut in half in homes with working smoke alarms.

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USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

911 for EMERGENCY
Fire/EMS (Non-Emergency): 210-824-1281
Police (Non-Emergency): 210-822-3321
Administration and Finance: 210-822-3331

Public Works: 210-882-1518
Water: 210-882-1507
Community Development: 210-826-0516
Court Clerk: 210-882-1501