



CITY OF OSAWATOMIE

Sales tax proposal for public safety equipment, police and municipal court software upgrades

QUARTER-CENT SALES TAX ELECTION AUG. 7, 2018

During the upcoming primary election, the City of Osawatomie is asking voters to consider approving a quarter-cent sales tax. If passed, the sales tax would be effective Jan. 1, 2019, and would eliminate a planned 3.75 mill-levy increase in the city's 2019 budget. If approved by voters, the city tax rate would increase slightly - from 1 percent to 1.25 percent - making the overall sales-tax rate increase from 9 percent to 9.25 percent for local retail sales.

PUBLIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT



About half of the sales tax revenue would be used to service the debt over an eight-year period for the recently purchased firetruck. The used 2009 ladder/pumper combo now serves as the city's primary firefighting vehicle, replacing the 1991 pumper truck previously serving in that role.

NEW SOFTWARE



The other half of the sales tax revenue would be used over a four-year period to service the debt for recently purchased police information system and municipal court software. Once in place, the software will enable the police and court systems to share information and will be integrated with the city's financial system. The upgrade will not just significantly reduce time entering data, but provide police officers with better, real-time information while on patrol. In the final four years, the revenue will be used to provide public safety with updated equipment, including vehicles, protective gear and radios for the fire and police departments.

PROJECTED SALES TAX REVENUE

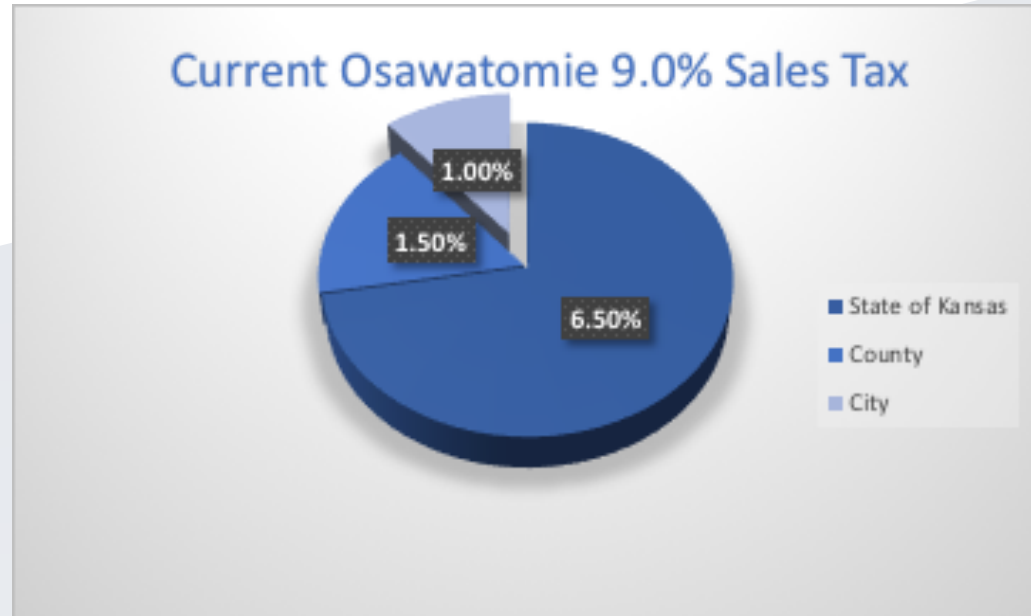


If approved by voters, the quarter-cent sales tax is conservatively projected to provide \$75,000 per year.

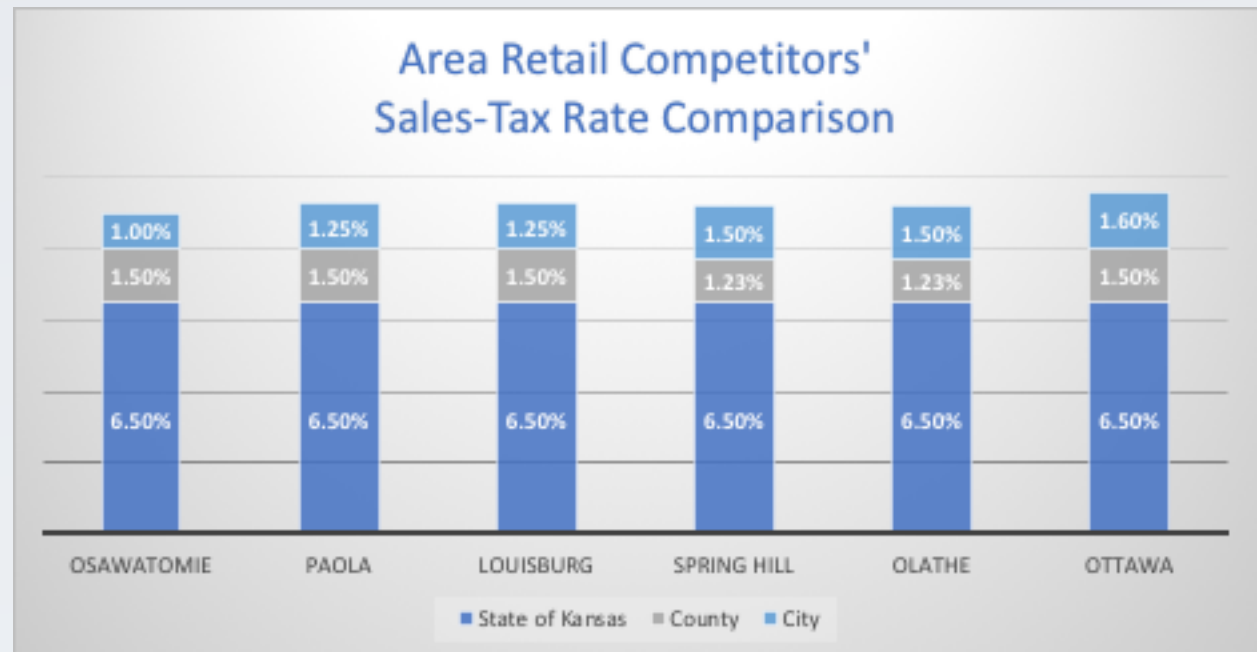
Any excess revenues will be available to the Public Safety Equipment Fund for the

purchase of public safety equipment or paying off the debt early. The revenue projection is a conservative figure, based on tax collections which do not include grocery store tax revenue.

WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?



HOW DOES OSAWATOMIE COMPARE WITH OTHER RETAIL AREAS AROUND US?



Ballot Question:

Shall the following be adopted?

Shall the city of Osawatomie, Kansas levy a retailers' sales tax in the amount of one quarter of one percent (.25%), to take effect on January 1, 2019, and to be levied for eight years until December 31, 2026, on retail sales consummated within the city of Osawatomie, with revenues of such tax to be used to help finance the purchase and installation of equipment for the city's fire and police operations, and the purchase and installation of any new, replacement or updated computer software for the city's fire, police and municipal court operations, and any such related computer hardware for the operation thereof, and to pay obligations of the city issued to finance purchases for these same purposes, all in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 12-187 et seq., and amendments thereto?

HOW LONG WILL THE SALES TAX BE IN EFFECT?

If approved, the sales tax rate would take effect on Jan. 1, 2019, and last a period of eight years - through Dec. 31, 2026. The sales tax rate is currently 9 percent.

IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

July 17 Registration books close - Last day to register

July 18 Advance voting by mail and in person begins

Aug. 6 Advance voting in person ends at noon

Aug. 7 PRIMARY ELECTION

Polls are open from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

WHERE CAN I VOTE?

If voting in advance, you can cast your ballot at the Miami County Clerk's Office, located in the county Administration Building, 201 S. Pearl St., in Paola.

On election day, voters can cast their ballots either at the county clerk's office or at the Ozone, 300 11th St., in Osawatomie.

HOW CAN I REGISTER?

Register to vote online by accessing the Kansas Secretary of State's Office website or in person at the Miami County Clerk's Office.