

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
City of Columbia, Missouri

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of the City of Columbia, Missouri, that the City Council of the City has called an election to be held in the City on Tuesday, November 8, 2005, commencing at six o'clock a.m. and closing at seven o'clock p.m., on the question contained in the following sample ballot:

OFFICIAL BALLOT
Special Election
City of Columbia, Missouri
Tuesday, November 8, 2005

PROPOSITION ONE
SALES TAX EXTENSION FOR PARKS

Shall the municipality of Columbia, Missouri impose a sales tax of one-eighth of one percent, for five years, for the purpose of providing funding for local parks for the municipality?

The current one-fourth of one percent local parks sales tax is scheduled to be reduced to one-eighth of one percent on March 31, 2006. Approval of this proposition would keep the local parks sales tax rate at one-fourth of one percent for an additional five years.

The City intends to use this sales tax to fund projects in the City's Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan including renovations and improvements to existing parks, acquisition and development of neighborhood parks and development of additional trails and greenbelts.

YES

NO

If you are in favor of the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "Yes". If you are opposed to the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "No".

PROPOSITION TWO
SALES TAX EXTENSION FOR PARKS

Shall the municipality of Columbia, Missouri impose a sales tax of one-eighth of one percent, for two years, for the purpose of providing funding for local parks for the municipality?

The current one-fourth of one percent local parks sales tax is scheduled to be reduced to one-eighth of one percent on March 31, 2006. Approval of this proposition would keep the local parks sales tax rate at one-fourth of one percent for an additional two years.

The City intends to use this sales tax to fund an ice skating facility and a multi-use recreational facility that would include a farmers' market.

YES

NO

If you are in favor of the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "Yes". If you are opposed to the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "No".

PROPOSITION THREE
SALES TAX EXTENSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

Shall the municipality of Columbia, Missouri impose a sales tax of one-fourth of one percent, for a period of three years, for the purpose of funding capital improvements which may include the retirement of debt under previously authorized bonded indebtedness?*

This sales tax would continue the existing capital improvements sales tax scheduled to expire on December 31, 2005. The City intends to use this sales tax to fund capital projects for the Fire Department (replace older fire trucks and other equipment; build and equip new stations) and Police Department (construct training facility) and to replace emergency storm warning sirens.

*This language is required by state law. The City does not intend to use sales tax funds to retire debt under previously authorized bonded indebtedness.

YES

NO

If you are in favor of the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "Yes". If you are opposed to the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "No".

PROPOSITION FOUR
SALES TAX EXTENSION FOR STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

Shall the municipality of Columbia, Missouri impose a sales tax of one-fourth of one percent, for a period of seven years, for the purpose of funding capital improvements which may include the retirement of debt under previously authorized bonded indebtedness?*

This sales tax would continue the existing capital improvements sales tax scheduled to expire on December 31, 2005. The City intends to use this sales tax to improve major city streets to relieve traffic congestion, and sidewalk improvements to provide safe routes to schools and improve accessibility in the downtown area for persons with disabilities.

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YES

NO

If you are in favor of the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "Yes". If you are opposed to the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "No".

PROPOSITION FIVE
ADDITIONAL SALES TAX FOR STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

Shall the municipality of Columbia, Missouri impose a sales tax of one-eighth of one percent, for a period of ten years, for the purpose of funding capital improvements which may include the retirement of debt under previously authorized bonded indebtedness?*

This sales tax would be in addition to the existing capital improvement sales tax. The City intends to use this sales tax to fund street and sidewalk projects to improve major city streets to relieve traffic congestion, and sidewalk improvements to provide safe routes to schools and improve accessibility in the downtown area for persons with disabilities.

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YES

NO

If you are in favor of the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "Yes". If you are opposed to the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "No".

PROPOSITION SIX
DEVELOPMENT CHARGE INCREASE

Shall the City of Columbia, Missouri increase the development charge for arterial and collector street construction from ten cents to fifty cents per square foot of total floor area of new construction? The increase would be phased in over five years.

YES

NO

If you are in favor of the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "Yes". If you are opposed to the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "No".

The election will be held at the following polling places in the City:

[polling places to be added by election authority]

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2005.

Wendy Noren
Clerk of the County Commission