

Election — November 6, 2012

**City of Louisville
Ballot Issue**



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**BALLOT ISSUE 2A
[OPEN SPACE
SALES TAX]**

SHALL CITY OF LOUISVILLE TAXES BE INCREASED \$1,500,000 IN 2014 AND THEN ANNUALLY BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RAISED THEREAFTER FROM THE CONTINUATION OF THE SALES TAX OF 0.375 PERCENT BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2014 AND EXPIRING TEN YEARS AFTER SUCH DATE; WITH THE NET PROCEEDS OF SUCH SALES TAX TO BE COLLECTED, RETAINED AND SPENT EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE ACQUISITION OF LAND IN AND AROUND THE CITY OF LOUISVILLE FOR OPEN SPACE BUFFER ZONES, TRAILS, WILDLIFE HABITATS, WETLANDS PRESERVATION AND FUTURE PARKS; AND FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SUCH OPEN SPACE ZONES, TRAILS, WILDLIFE HABITATS, WETLANDS AND

PARKS; AND SHALL THE CITY BE PERMITTED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND EXPEND ALL REVENUES DERIVED FROM SUCH SALES TAX AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND AN EXCEPTION TO LIMITS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

Major Provisions

This proposal, referred to voters by the Louisville City Council, would extend the existing 0.375 percent open space sales tax for another 10 years. The sales tax is 37.5 cents on a \$100 purchase. The extended period would begin on January 1, 2014, and would expire January 1, 2024.

Revenues from the tax are estimated to be \$1,500,000 per year. All net proceeds are to be spent exclusively for the acquisition of land in and around Louisville for open space and related purposes and for the operation and maintenance of such open space zones.

Funds would be exempt from limitations imposed by the TABOR (Taxpayer Bill of Rights) amendment to the Colorado Constitution.

Background

In November 1993, voters approved a 0.375 percent open space sales tax for 10 years (1994 through 2003). In November 2002, voters approved a 10-year extension (2004 through 2013). The City of Louisville currently owns or has an interest in 1,800 acres, with 687 acres owned by the City of Louisville exclusively.

Those IN FAVOR say

1. The continuation of this tax means the continuation of one of the most important characteristics that makes the city the No. 1 place to live in America.
2. Surveys of residents show that they give open space and trails a very high value.

Those OPPOSED say

No organized opposition has been identified.

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