

CITY OF LAWTON FACT SHEET 2015 SALES TAX EXTENSION

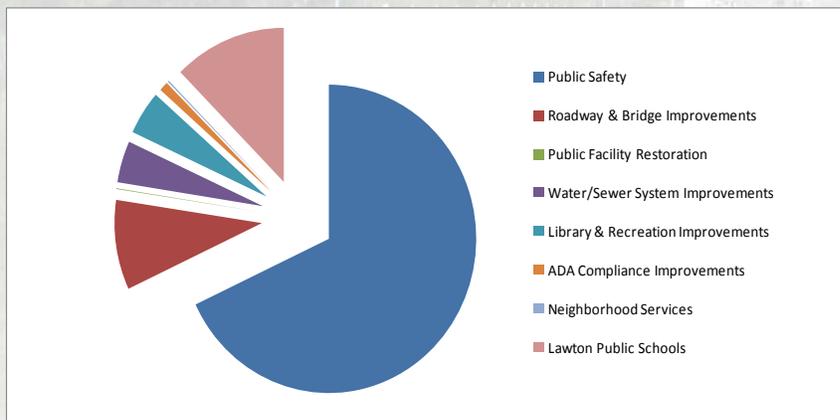


OVERVIEW

There are a great many needs within the City of Lawton. This sales tax extension strives to find the balance between pressing & diverse needs of the community.

- Public Safety (68.0%)
- Roadway & Bridge Improvements (9.4%)
- Public Facility Restoration (0.1%)
- Water/Sewer System Improvements (4.4%)
- Library & Recreation Improvements (4.6%)
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance Improvements (1.0%)
- Neighborhood Services (0.1%)
- Lawton Public Schools (12.4%)

The bulk of the money goes towards SAFETY through police & fire infrastructure/associated personnel costs. The proposal also addresses quality of life by fixing community parks & the library. Finally, this plan addresses additional Lawton Community Schools needs.



2015 SALES TAX EXTENSION

This sales tax extension, commonly referred to as CIP (Capital Improvement Projects) is an extension of current tax. There is NO TAX INCREASE, meaning it is COST NEUTRAL.

- Renewing 0.5% sales tax expiring December 31, 2014
- Renewing 0.375% sales tax expiring June 30, 2015

Estimated revenue generated is \$100,925,000.00 which is approximately \$9.175 million per year. Individuals would contribute no more & no less than with the existing sales tax.

What happens if the City of Lawton collects more than projected each year?

The remainder goes into the City's Emergency Fund. This allows the City to address unpredicted & time-critical issues as they occur.

Did you know?

Other communities around the state are implementing permanent & long term taxes to address critical safety & infrastructure needs.

For instance, the City of Edmond is currently proposing a 15-year sales tax.

THE MORE YOU KNOW...



SAFETY IS IMPORTANT

Lawton citizens have time & time again identified safety as their #1 concern.



The Lawton Police Station is 50-years old. It is more cost effective to build new rather than to repair the current facility.

Fire Station 1 was built in 1930 & the floor has substantial cracks.



The Lawton Public Library has not had major renovations since it opened 41 years ago.



QUALITY OF LIFE

The McMahon Auditorium's roof needs to be replaced.

McMahon Foundation has generously gifted the City with recreation facilities with the understanding that these buildings need to be maintained.

ROADWAY & BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS

Both West Gore & Rogers Lane need repair. Matching funds are required to complete these projects.



A SPECIAL SCHOOL CLAUSE

As the Lawton Public Schools sales tax is being rolled into the City's sales tax, special provisions are being made so Lawton Public Schools receive funding in the first 5 years of the plan, thereby giving the school district funds sooner than later.



SALES TAX BREAK DOWN



PUBLIC SAFETY	\$68,629,186.00
<i>Public Safety Facility – Police, Municipal Court & Jail facility, Financing, Fire Station 1, Fire Station 8, Demolition & Hazardous Material Mitigation of Old Police Station, Additional Safety Personnel Costs</i>	
ROADWAY & BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS	\$9,500,000.00
<i>Right of Way Acquisition, Utility Relocations, & Reconstruction of Rogers Lane, West Gore Blvd</i>	
PUBLIC FACILITY RESTORATION	\$78,000.00
<i>Demolition & Hazardous Material Mitigation of Wayne Gilley City Hall, City Hall Annex</i>	
WATER/SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS	\$4,411,114.00
<i>Water & Sewer Line Replacement, Painting of Water Storage Tanks, Replacing Water System Pumps, Water Monitoring System (SCADA), Water Supply Study</i>	
LIBRARY & RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS	\$4,656,700.00
<i>Library Capital Improvements, Pool/Spray Park Facility, Playground/fitness Equipment, Outdoor Walking Paths/Walking Trail Lighting, Restoration of Existing Sports Facilities including Repair/Upgrade of McMahon Ballparks & Youth Sports fields, Great Plains Museum & City Hall Annex Roof Repair/Replacement, McMahon Auditorium HVAC Improvements & Roof repair/replacement, Youth Programs</i>	
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) COMPLIANCE IMPROVEMENTS	\$1,000,000.00
<i>Citywide Priorities for Removal of Barriers Faced by the Disabled, as Required by Federal Lawsuit</i>	
NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES	\$150,000.00
<i>Funding for Revolving Account to Demolish Dilapidated Houses</i>	
LAWTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$12,500,000.00
<i>Window & Entry Upgrades, Playground & Fencing Upgrades at Elementary Schools, Fencing Replacement at Secondary School Grounds, Remote Entry Systems in Secondary Schools, Building Upgrades & Repairs on HVAC</i>	
GRAND TOTAL INVESTMENT:	\$100,925,000.00

Did you know?

The Police have a report by the Buracker & Associates Public Safety Management Consultant completed in 1993. In the report, it addressed the police facility and it stated that the police facility is very substandard. This report is over 20 years old. If it was "substandard" more than 20 years ago, how much worse is it now?



YOUR VOTE COUNTS! TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2014

If you are not yet registered to vote, you must do so by the close of business on Friday, August 1, 2014 in order to become eligible to vote for this election. Contact Comanche county Election board at 580.353.1880 for further information.

By having a 11-year collection timeframe, the tax collected is at the same rate as is currently being collected but it tackles larger issues that would not be able to be addressed with a shorter timeframe.

FURTHER INFORMATION

As a valued citizen, you can learn more about the 2015 sales tax extension by contacting your City Council Member:

<http://www.gislawton.us/mapping/index.htm?maptype=Ward>

<http://www.cityof.lawton.ok.us/official.htm>

or the City Clerk's Office at (580) 581-3305 or the City Manager's Office at (580) 581-3301.

SALES TAX ALLOCATION

State	4.5%
Comanche County	
Economic Development	0.125%
Jail Tax	0.125%
Lawton	
General Fund	
2008 Tax (thru 6/30/15)	0.375%
2010 (thru 12/31/14)	0.5%
2012 Tax (thru 12/31/19)	1.25%
Total State, County & City:	8.875%

No SALES TAX INCREASE — EXTENSION ONLY

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

All revenue & proceeds derived from the renewed tax will be deposited & credited into the 2015 capital improvement fund of the City in accordance with the provisions of Title 11, Oklahoma Statutes, Section 17-109, to be used solely for the purposes set forth in the ordinance.



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