



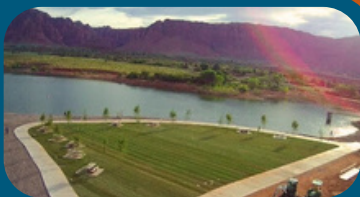
RAP Tax Voter Information Pamphlet

This November, voters will have the opportunity to vote on the renewal of the Recreation, Arts, and Parks (RAP) Tax. This sales tax helps fund initiatives such as upgrading parks, improving community recreation facilities and supporting the arts, throughout Washington County.

The RAP Tax, first implemented in 2014, is up for renewal every 10 years. It's important to note that this renewal is **NOT** an additional tax increase, so taxpayers will see no changes to the sales and use taxes they currently pay to the county.

Below, you'll find key statistics that highlight the program's impact over the past decade.

220+
Recreation
Projects



125+
Art Organizations

175+
Park Projects





What is the RAP Tax?

The RAP Tax has been in place since 2014. This sales and use tax is levied to fund Recreation, Arts, and Parks including but not limited to, athletic fields, playgrounds, campgrounds, trails, or other facilities used for recreational purposes; and non-profit organizations, and municipal or county councils and for the support of activities, such as art, music, theater, dance, and history.

How much is the RAP Tax?

The RAP tax is 0.1%. This equals 1 penny for every \$10 spent.

Will this increase my taxes?

No. The current ballot initiative is a renewal of the existing tax and will not increase your tax responsibility.

Who pays the RAP Tax?

Anyone who makes a qualifying point of sale purchase in Washington County pays the tax, including tourists, regardless of their place of residency.

Various Projects & Organizations Funded by the RAP Tax



**Fire Lake Park
Ivins**



**All-Inclusive Park
Hurricane**



**Tuacahn Center for the Arts
Ivins**



**Canyon View Playground
Santa Clara**



**Bearclaw Poppy Trail
St. George**



**Dixie Rock Trail
Hurricane**



**Baseball Complex
Washington City**



**Veteran's Park
Washington City**



**Little Valley
Pickleball Complex
St. George**



**Snake Hollow
Bike Park
St. George**



**Pioneer Park Trail
St. George**



**Hurricane Theatrical
Hurricane**



**Jem Trail
Hurricane**



**Southwest Symphony
Hurricane**



**Riverwood Pavilion
La Verkin**



**Pickleball Courts
Washington**

**The arguments for or against a ballot proposition are the opinions of the authors*

Argument For RAP Tax Renewal

“Washington County communities offer residents access to a wide variety of Recreation, Arts, and Parks (RAP) programs. When I think about what these programs mean to me and my family, I am reminded of the many trails, parks and festivals we have enjoyed. RAP funding has upgraded parks and trails throughout the County as well as adding pickleball courts, soccer fields, and upgraded playgrounds.

My son can participate in recreation programs which might not be available if not for Recreation funds provided by RAP. From the enchantment of Tuachan Center for the Arts; to the renowned Southwest Symphony Orchestra; and to the art installations of Art Around the Corner, Washington County is home to so many outstanding arts organizations. Here in Washington County, we have the opportunity to participate in and interact with each other – to truly form a sense of community, a place to belong.

So, what is RAP Tax? It is the ONLY way to get our many visitors to pay for the amenities they use in our communities. Washington County collects one-tenth of 1 percent (.1%) in sales and use tax on non-grocery purchases. This equates to only one cent for every \$10.00 spent on non-grocery purchases. With the continued growth in Washington County, especially from visitors to our communities, RAP tax helps keep our Recreation, Arts and Parks improved and up to date.

RAP Tax is not new; it has been in place since 2014. The renewal of RAP Tax will be on the November ballot. If RAP goes away, we will not notice the difference in our wallets, but we may well notice the difference in our communities. As they search for other sources of funding, communities will most likely need to increase user fees and discontinue programs.

My family loves the wide variety of Recreation, Arts and Parks offered in Washington County. It would truly be a loss to many people if this funding were to disappear. I strongly support the referendum on the ballot to continue the Washington County RAP Tax.”

Respectfully submitted by Jamy Dahle from Ivins, Utah



Argument Against RAP Tax Renewal

Washington County solicited arguments to be submitted from residents on August 5th via the Utah Public Notice Website. No arguments against the RAP tax were submitted.

Title Ballot and Language

Opinion Question Regarding Imposing a Recreation, Arts, and Parks Sales Tax (RAP tax)

Should Washington County impose a one tenth of one percent (1/10th of 1%) sales and use tax for the purpose of funding recreational and cultural facilities and organizations such as the following:

- a. Publicly owned or operated athletic fields, parks, playgrounds, gymnasiums, swimming pools, campgrounds, trails, or other facilities used for recreational purposes; and
- b. Non-profit organizations, institutions, and municipal or county cultural councils having as their primary purpose the advancement and preservation of art, music, theater, dance, cultural arts, or natural history?

Voting Information

General Election held on November 5, 2024
Drop Boxes are under 24/7 video surveillance

Ballot Drop Boxes

- No postage is required. Open 24 hours a day until 8 pm on Election Day.

Drop Box Locations

- Drive up
 - Hurricane City Library
 - Santa Clara Branch Library
 - St George City Library
- Walk up
 - Washington City Library
 - Washington County Administration Building
 - Municipality, City, and Town Ballot Boxes may be available near you. Scan QR code for locations/times.

Mail with the US Postal Service

- All mailed ballots must be clearly postmarked no later than the day BEFORE Election Day.
- We strongly suggest that if you are returning your ballot close to Election Day that you take advantage of our Drop Box locations instead of mailing it.



Voting Information

Early Voting and Election Day Information

In Person Voting

You can vote in person at either of our locations:

Dixie Convention Center
1835 Convention Center Dr
St. George, UT 84790

Hurricane Community Center
63 South 100 West
Hurricane, UT 84737

Election Day Voting

Tuesday, November 5 from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Dixie Convention Center and Hurricane Community Center

Early Voting Locations and Times

Dixie Convention Center

Tuesday, October 29	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Wednesday, October 30	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Thursday, October 31	12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Friday, November 1	12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Hurricane Community Center

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