

No: 15-32
Date: May 20, 2015

RESOLUTION
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SANDPOINT

TITLE: LOCAL OPTION TAX ELECTION NOVEMBER 3, 2015

WHEREAS: Idaho Code § 50-1046 provides for the adoption of local option non-property taxes when approved by a 60% majority of the voters;

WHEREAS: The City Council would like to ask the voters of the City of Sandpoint to decide whether to allow for the adoption of an ordinance for the implementation of this tax;

WHEREAS: The City Council would like to propose ways to reduce the burden on property taxpayers for funding grandstand and associated improvements at War Memorial Field and a dedicated fund for ongoing maintenance;

WHEREAS: The City Council understands the limited remaining lifespan of this iconic community feature;

WHEREAS: The City Council recognizes that the estimated costs of renovations to the facility outstrip the available funding, despite ongoing collaborative fundraising efforts;

WHEREAS: The City Council understands and appreciates the positive impact that tourists and regional commerce have on the local economy; and

WHEREAS: The City Council also understands the economic impact to the property taxpaying citizens of the community to provide for essential services to our town's visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: A ballot question be submitted for the November 2015 general election ballot for the purpose of considering resort city local option non-property taxes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The following questions be placed on the ballot for consideration by the registered voters of the City of Sandpoint.

**CITY LOCAL OPTION NON-PROPERTY TAX
CITY OF SANDPOINT, STATE OF IDAHO
NOVEMBER 3, 2015**

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:

To vote on the following question, place an (X) in the square according to the way you want to vote on the question. If you, by mistake or accident, mark, tear, or deface, or otherwise mutilate this ballot, return it to the election judges and obtain another ballot.

QUESTION: Shall the City of Sandpoint, Bonner County, Idaho, adopt an ordinance providing for imposition and collection, for a period of five (5) years from its effective date, January 1, 2016, and ending December 31, 2020, of certain non-property taxes this way:

A 1% sales tax on all sales except occupancy sales subject to taxation under Chapter 36 of Title 63, Idaho Code. Exact revenue from this proposed tax is unknown. Revenue from the tax will be used to fund the following projects to completion as prioritized.

The anticipated revenue for the 1% sales tax will be used in the following manner:

Priority One: For completion of War Memorial Field Grandstand project as designed by Sewell and Associates.

If funds remain, then

Priority Two: To replace drainage and field surface at War Memorial Field.

If funds remain, then

Priority Three: For repair and replacement of War Memorial Field infrastructure.

If funds remain, then

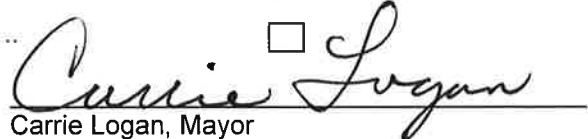
Priority Four: To improve parks infrastructure, such as City Beach parking lot and Travers Park parking lot.

Also, the City will retain the actual cost of collecting and administering the tax.

On the issue of a 1% local option sales tax:

IN FAVOR.....

AGAINST.....


Carrie Logan, Mayor

ATTEST:


Maree Peck, City Clerk

City Council Members:

			YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
1.	Eddy	MOTION	X			
2.	Rognstad		X			
3.	Aitken					X
4.	Williamson		X			
5.	Camp					X
6.	Fragoso	SECOND	X			