



The **City of Chaffee** seeks voter approval to impose a one-half cent parks and storm water sales tax.

A simple majority is required for passage.

Parks and Storm Water Tax

April 6, 2021 Ballot

Shall the City of Chaffee impose a sales tax of one-half of one percent for the purpose of providing funding for local parks and storm water control for the City of Chaffee?

YES NO

What is the parks and storm water sales tax?

- $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 percent sales tax collected on retail sales made within Chaffee
- Dedicated to provide funding for storm water control and local parks. Residents and non-residents who shop in Chaffee will pay the sales tax.
- Fair because City parks and infrastructure are also enjoyed by non-residents.
- Tax is anticipated to generate approximately \$65,000.00 annually.



Non-Residents would share in the cost of improving and maintaining the parks and storm water system.



What will the park and storm water sales tax be used for?

Funds collected from the parks and storm water sales tax will be used to address park and recreation amenities and storm water control concerns.



Most capital improvement dollars go toward street repair and replacement, or emergency storm drainage repairs leaving storm water and parks projects under funded.

With the new revenue provided by the parks and storm water sales tax, the City will have additional funding available for maintaining and improving parks and storm water infrastructure.



Will the new revenue replace existing revenue?

- The new revenue dedicated to park maintenance and improvements will supplement existing revenue.
- Most of the revenue will go to storm water improvements.
- Parks share would increase their budget slightly, but primarily free up money now used for parks to be used for modernizing police and fire protection.

What happens if the parks/stormwater sales tax does not pass?

- The City will do its best to continue to address the park and storm water systems reactively with existing resources.
- Currently we are reactive to storm water issues addressing urgent or emergency needs. We could be more proactive with funds from this tax.
- Passing the tax will allow the city be proactive and fix problems before they grow to emergency repairs



Current Chaffee Sales Tax

State	4.225%
County	1.50%
City (1% General, .5% Capital Improvement, .25% Fire)	1.75%
Total	7.475%

This tax is slight compared to the benefit to the community.

Example	Spending	Current Sales Tax 7.475 %	½ % Adds
Lunch	\$ 10.00	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.05
Groceries	\$ 50.00	\$ 3.74	\$ 0.25
Monthly	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 74.75	\$ 5.00

Chaffee has a great reputation of having attractive parks and public facilities.



The proposed Parks and Storm water Tax will help us keep that reputation alive.

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