

PUBLIC HEARING

The Mapleton City Council will hold a public hearing to receive comment on the proposed RAP Tax on Wed., October 2, 2024 at 6:00pm in the City Council Chambers (125 West Community Center Way, Mapleton, UT).

VOTING OPTIONS

All registered voters in Mapleton City, unless otherwise requested, are mailed a ballot three weeks before Election Day. Voters can return their completed ballot in three ways:

1. **Vote by Drop Box:** Take your ballot to the Drop Box located in the parking lot of the Mapleton City Building. Ballots can be returned to any Utah County Drop Box by 8:00pm on Election Day.
2. **Vote By Mail:** Ballots can be returned through U.S. Postal Mail as long as they are postmarked by November 4, 2024.
3. **Election Service Center:** If you wish to vote in person, several Election Service Centers are located in Utah County. View the complete list at <https://vote.utahcounty.gov/voting-locations>. The closest two are located at the Springville Civic Center and Spanish Fork Library. Registered voters may drop off their ballot or surrender their ballot and vote in person between 7:00am and 8:00pm on Election Day.

REGISTER TO VOTE

Residents who are not registered to vote may register in three ways:

1. Register online at <https://vote.utah.gov>.
2. Register in person at the Utah County Clerk's Office, located at 100 East Center Street, Room 3100, Provo, UT.
3. Mail a registration form to the Utah County Clerk's Office.

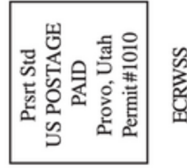
The voter registration deadline is October 22, 2024. For more information, please visit <https://vote.utah.gov>.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit <https://mapleton.org/RAP> or contact Camille Brown, Mapleton City Recorder at (801) 806-9106 or cbrown@mapleton.org.

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REGISTERED VOTER
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MAIL YOUR BALLOT BY NOVEMBER 4, 2024 OR SUBMIT IT IN A
BALLOT DROP BOX BY 8:00PM ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024.

VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET

NOVEMBER 5, 2024
GENERAL MUNICIPAL
ELECTION

OPEN FOR IMPORTANT
INFORMATION REGARDING THE
PROPOSED

**RECREATION,
ARTS, & PARKS
(RAP) TAX**

**PROPOSITION
#5**



SMALL TOWN. BIG HEART.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE RAP TAX?

RAP stands for Recreation, Arts & Parks. A RAP Tax is a sales tax that is added to the regular sales tax. Revenues generated from a RAP tax are reserved for specific projects including: Parks, Cultural Arts Programs, and Recreation Programs. The RAP Tax is 0.1% and would increase the sales tax rate from 7.35% to 7.45%. This equals one penny for every \$10 spent.

WHAT COULD THE RAP TAX FUNDS BE USED FOR?

Projects eligible for RAP Tax funding must fall under one of the categories listed in the ballot language. The City has a variety of projects that could be funded by the RAP Tax.

WHO DECIDES WHAT PROJECTS TO FUND WITH THE PROCEEDS OF THE RAP TAX?

To distribute funds, a citizens' advisory committee will be formed. The committee would accept and review requests from any appropriate city department OR any appropriate city organization, as well as any applicable nonprofit organization. The committee will make a recommendation to the City Council, and the City Council will make the final decision.

HOW MUCH FUNDING IS EXPECTED, AND HOW LONG WILL IT BE AVAILABLE?

Based on sales tax revenues provided by the Utah State Tax Commission, a RAP tax in Mapleton City would generate between \$75,000 and \$125,000 per year. After 10 years, by state law the RAP Tax automatically sunsets and goes away unless voted on again by the people

WHO PAYS THE RAP TAX?

Anyone who makes a qualifying point-of-sale purchase in Mapleton City pays the tax, regardless of their place of residency.

WHAT PURCHASES WOULD THE RAP TAX APPLY TO?

The RAP Tax would apply to any purchase that is subject to sales tax. The Utah State Tax Commission has information regarding items that have a sales tax rate reduction, including certain grocery items (tax.utah.gov/sales/food-rate). These items would not be subject to the RAP Tax.

TITLE AND BALLOT LANGUAGE

MAPLETON CITY PROPOSAL TO ENACT A 0.1% SALES AND USE TAX FOR RECREATION, ARTS, AND PARKS.

PROPOSITION #5

Shall Mapleton City, Utah, be authorized to impose a one-tenth of one percent (0.10%) sales and use tax for the purpose of funding recreational and cultural facilities in the City of Mapleton?

Funding may be used to support municipal or non-profit organizations providing programs such as, but not limited to: Live theater, chorale groups, bands, festivals, and youth arts.

Funding may be used for capital improvements of publicly owned or operated amenities such as but not limited to: Parks, playing fields/courts, trails/bike paths, splash pads, swimming pools, performing arts centers.

VOTE FOR ONE: _____ "FOR" THE RAP TAX. _____ "AGAINST" THE RAP TAX

ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST THE RAP TAX

ARGUMENTS FOR THE RAP TAX

Recreation, arts, parks, and trails are fundamental elements of Mapleton's identity. Our City's core values of "open space," "active lifestyle," and "small town feeling" are brought to life through these opportunities we provide for our residents. Whether saying hello on the trail, watching our annual Pioneer Days firework show, attending a concert in City Park, or participating in a recreation program, these offerings cultivate community connections to create a great quality of life.

Mapleton City has long provided meaningful programs and activities for our residents. We are always looking for ways to increase those offerings, especially as our community continues to grow. Furthermore, residents regularly request new or expanded programs and amenities. With the intent to provide more opportunities for residents to cultivate community connection by engaging with our trails, parks, city events, and recreation programs, the Mapleton City Council unanimously approved placing Proposition 5 on the ballot to enact a Recreation, Arts, and Parks (RAP) Tax in Mapleton City.

The proposed RAP Tax is a sales tax, NOT a property tax, and would be paid at the point of purchase for all sales tax-eligible purchase in Mapleton City. RAP Taxes are not new to the state. If you currently shop in Springville, Spanish Fork, Provo, Orem, Payson, Santaquin, Lehi, American Fork, Salt Lake County, or Washington County, you are currently paying RAP Taxes to help them fund recreation, art, and parks in those communities.

With so many neighboring communities already having a RAP tax, Mapleton voters can level the playing field by providing an equitable way to collect revenue. Dozens of cities and counties across the state benefit from RAP Taxes - why not Mapleton?

The proposed RAP Tax would enable Mapleton City to meet the growing demands for more trails, recreational open space, programming, while also improving our current offerings. 100% of RAP Tax funds would be devoted to projects that benefit Mapleton City. We unanimously support the RAP Tax proposition and are confident that its benefits will provide rich experiences and opportunities for residents for years to come.

Vote "Yes" for Proposition 5.

Mapleton City Mayor Dallas Hakes
Mapleton City Council Members Kasey Beck, Reid Carlson, Jessica Egbert, Therin Garrett, and Leslie Jones

ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE RAP TAX

No arguments were submitted against the proposed RAP Tax.

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