

Maize Sales Tax Proposal: What You Need to Know



What is being proposed?

The City of Maize is proposing a 1% citywide sales tax for 10 years, starting January 1, 2026. Revenue will support infrastructure improvements (85%) and reduce property taxes (15%).

What would the sales tax fund?

- 85% for maintenance and improvements to streets, sidewalks and drainage
- 15% to reduce ad valorem (property) taxes

What projects will the sales tax fund?

Maize has identified several projects that will support Maize as it grows.

They include, but are not exclusive to, the following:

Widening 119th Street (29th to 45th) and adding sidewalks

Traffic improvements in the 45th & Tyler corridor

Other essential road and sidewalk projects



Why now?

Maize is growing rapidly, resulting in more traffic and strain on existing infrastructure. This tax ensures proactive investment in road and sidewalk improvements, as well as fixing drainage improvements related to those road investments.

How much would it generate?

Approximately \$6.5–\$6.7 million over 10 years, assuming no new growth in sales tax generating businesses which will continue to be a priority for Maize into the future.

Why a Sales Tax?

It's equitable: Everyone who shops in Maize contributes, including residents, commuters and visitors.

It's fair: Over 86% of visitors to Maize's top retailers are from outside Maize.

It diversifies revenue: Reduces reliance on property taxes.

It's a *proven solution*: Many neighboring cities use sales tax. We are the only one, besides Bel Aire, neighboring Wichita that doesn't have a sales tax.

How does this help Maize homeowners?

15% of the tax will go directly toward easing future property tax increases. In addition, the remaining 85% will go into funding critical infrastructure projects that would otherwise require funding through the use of property tax, if not funded through a dedicated sales tax.

How much will this cost me?

One cent per dollar. A \$50 taxable purchase = 50 cents in tax.

What if it doesn't pass?

Without new funding, projects like 119th Street and key pedestrian upgrades will be delayed or scaled back. The City will remain dependent on property tax revenue, making it hard to address growing demands.

When do I vote?

August 5, 2025 - Primary Election Day

Who can vote?

All registered voters living within the city limits of Maize are eligible to vote.

Where can I find more information?

Visit www.cityofmaize.org/salestax.

How can I share feedback or ask questions?

Attend a public meeting:

- May 28th at Moxi Junction, 7 a.m.
- June 3rd at Maize Performing Arts and Aquatics Center, 6 p.m. June 18th at Maize City Hall, 11:30 a.m.
- July 8th at Maize Performing Arts and Aquatics Center, 6 p.m.

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