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Important Town Message

Local Option Tax Measure on May 23 Election Ballot

Hailey voters will determine whether to institute a Local Option Tax (LOT) on May 23, 2006. One-stop voting for Hailey electors has been arranged so that ballots will be given at the same voting tables both for primary election candidates and the Hailey LOT measure.

The Hailey LOT is proposed as a method whereby city revenues may be increased without overly burdening local residents. Heavily reliant upon property taxes as its most significant revenue source, Hailey government constantly seeks to broaden its base sources of revenue. As proposed, LOT revenue collected in excess of its intended purposes will go to a property tax relief fund.

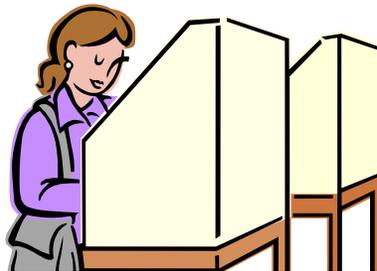
State sales taxes comprise Hailey's second largest revenue source. Collected by the state, taxes from fuels, liquor, and sales are distributed back to cities on population-based formulas. As our town becomes busier with non-resident traffic to local businesses, more is contributed to the state tax pool but the distribution back to Hailey continues to be limited by population.

City officials have estimated that an additional \$350,000 could be gleaned annually from a tax paid largely by visitors and collected directly

within Hailey, creating a revenue stream protected from state distribution formula amendments. One such amendment occurred in 2005, when the state legislature diverted \$7.2 million from its liquor store sales away from cities to another purpose.

The Local Option Tax, if adopted, would be structured as follows.

- A 3% local sales tax on car rentals is estimated to bring \$300,000 per year.
- A hotel and motel room tax of 3% is estimated to bring another \$30,000.
- Sales of alcohol-by-the-drink at a 2% tax and restaurant meals at a 1% tax will bring an estimated \$20,000 per year.



These taxes are proposed for a four-year term, near the end of which voters again would be consulted as to whether the tax should be continued.

Several public forums have been held to solicit citizen comments to help structure the ballot question. The Hailey City Council will offer one final public hearing on April 10, 2006, to hear from residents what types of sales should be taxed and how the revenue should be used.

Hailey voters will make the final determination at the polls, between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on primary election day. Polling places for most Hailey residents are at the Hailey Elementary School Gymnasium, except those residents within Hailey Precinct 2, who will vote at the Hailey Grange Hall at 609 Third Avenue South.

Public Involvement _____

Old Hailey Townsite Public Workshops

Please join the City of Hailey Planning Department for two public workshops to share your ideas for how old Hailey should grow. The ultimate goal is to develop residential Design Review Guidelines for old Hailey. Your input is essential to this process.



When: Tuesday, April 11, 2006
Tuesday, May 23, 2006
Where: Second floor meeting room at Hailey City Hall
Time: 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Municipal Code _____

Review of Dog Rules

Please be courteous of your fellow citizens and be aware of the law regarding dogs within the Hailey city limits. A brief review follows:

1. It is unlawful to permit a dog to run at large upon the private premises of others or upon the streets, alleys, sidewalks, highways, vacant lots, school grounds or other public places within the city.
2. A dog is considered to be running at large unless it is under control by leash, cord, chain or by verbal control of a person within ten feet of such animal. (A dog must be on a leash not exceeding ten feet *at all times* in city parks or on school grounds.)
3. It is unlawful to allow a dog to be a public nuisance, including such behaviors as frequent, continuous or untimely barking; molesting passers-by; chasing vehicles; attacking other domestic



animals; trespassing on public or private property in such manner as to damage the property; or defecating on public or private property when same is not immediately removed by the keeper of the animal.

4. It is unlawful for any individual, individuals or family residing in a single household or residence within the city limits to own, keep or possess more than three dogs.
5. Licenses must be obtained for dogs once they reach six months of age, or within ten days of the acquisition of a dog over six months of age.
6. The animal control officer or any peace officer may seize and impound any dog found running at large, or any dog without a collar bearing a current license.

Kevin McMullen is Hailey's animal control officer. He can be reached at 788-3901.



Calendar _____

Important Dates

City Council Meetings	04/10/06
.....	04/24/06
Development Impact Fee	
Advisory Committee Meeting	04/03/06
Historic Commission	04/05/06
.....	04/25/06
Parks & Lands Board Meeting	04/04/06
P&Z Meetings	04/03/06
.....	04/17/06
Special P&Z Meeting	04/13/06
Old Hailey Townsite Public Workshop	04/11/06