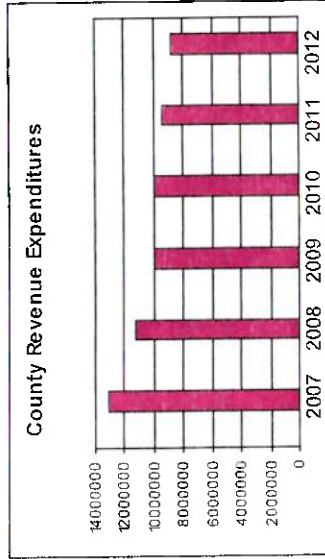


What is the need?

This ballot initiative will allow the county to combat the downward trend in available funding which if continued would mean cuts to vital services.



DID YOU KNOW?

- Christian County General Fund supports many services such as:
 - * Law Enforcement, the Courts and Juvenile Services
 - * Tax collections for school and fire districts
 - * Official recording of documents for property sales and bank loans
 - * Building Safety, Planning and Environmental Services
 - * Elections
- Christian County has cut budgets for other services by nearly 15% in order to maintain vital law enforcement services.

November 5, 2013 Ballot Language:

PROPOSITION "A"

SHALL THE COUNTY OF CHRISTIAN IMPOSE A LOCAL USE TAX AT THE SAME RATE AS THE TOTAL LOCAL SALES TAX RATE, CURRENTLY ONE AND ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT (1.50%), PROVIDED THAT IF THE LOCAL SALES TAX RATE IS REDUCED OR RAISED BY VOTER APPROVAL, THE LOCAL USE TAX RATE SHALL ALSO BE REDUCED OR RAISED BY THE SAME ACTION? A USE TAX RETURN SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO BE FILED BY PERSONS WHOSE PURCHASES FROM OUT-OF-STATE VENDORS DO NOT TOTAL EXCEED TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) IN ANY CALENDAR YEAR.

Yes _____ No _____

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Christian County



Use Tax Initiative

Election Date:

November 5, 2013

Christian County voters will decide on a proposal for a **Use Tax**

A Use Tax will:

- Support local businesses by leveling the playing field with out of state retailers
- Prevent cuts in vital services for citizens of Christian County

A Use Tax means:

- **NO LOCAL SALES TAX INCREASE**

What is it?

In common terms, a Use Tax is a tax applied to out-of-state purchases.

A Use Tax is applied at the same rate as the local sales tax.

The State of Missouri and the City of Springfield currently have use taxes. Christian County and Greene County do not. Voters are being asked to approve this measure in both counties.

It is estimated that a Use Tax would generate approximately \$250,000 annually in new revenue for Christian County.

It is important to note that a Use Tax is not an increase in local sales tax

Providing reliable government services is a vital component needed to build a strong local economy. Revenue from the USE Tax will help the County maintain these important services as our burden increases with the State mandated transition to First Class status.

-Commissioner Ray Weter

Who benefits?

LOCAL BUSINESS & OUR ECONOMY

A Use Tax helps maintain a level playing field for local businesses. This is a smart move toward stronger economic growth.

Local businesses invest in our community and provide employment opportunities for our citizens.

Strong local business supports law enforcement and other County services by generating sales taxes and paying property taxes.

Every \$1 spent at a local business adds \$2.23 to our local economy.

THE CITIZENS AND COUNTY SERVICES

Voter approval of this measure will allow the County to once again collect tax revenue on out-of-state vehicle and boat purchases, in compliance with a recent Missouri Supreme Court ruling.

Revenue from the Use Tax will help the County prevent cuts to vital services including law enforcement and other services which our citizens rely upon.

Support of the Use Tax in Christian County means support of local business which is an integral part of building a strong community where families will thrive and grow.

-Marc Truby, Nixa Chamber of Commerce - Executive Director

How does this affect you?

- You won't pay a penny more at the supermarket, the shopping center or any store in town.
- You aren't required to file a Use Tax return unless you spend \$2,000 or more on out-of-state purchases in any calendar year.
- ***You pay no more for vehicles***

A Use Tax will allow the County to maintain vital services with **no local sales tax increase!**