

WAHOO'S EXISTING ½-CENT SALES TAX



The City of Wahoo has collected a ½-cent sales tax since 2019 to help fund public infrastructure improvements.

- ▶ The existing ½-cent sales tax was approved by voters in May 2018 and implemented in January 2019 for public infrastructure improvements, including the Chestnut Street Project.
- ▶ Revenue from the tax is generated by taxable purchases made in Wahoo by both residents and visitors.
- ▶ The existing ½-cent sales tax will cease when the bonds used to fund Chestnut Street improvements are paid off, estimated in 2029.

? WHAT DOES ½ CENT MEAN?

The ½-cent sales tax adds 50 cents to every \$100 in taxable purchases.

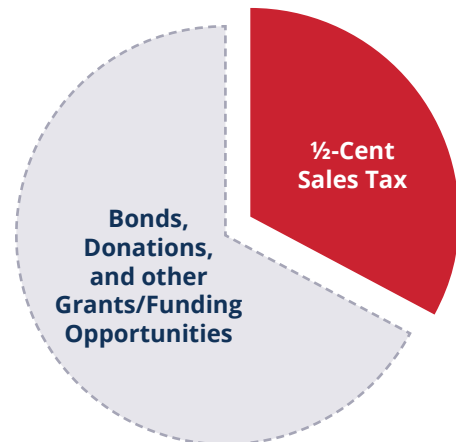
Wahoo voters will be asked whether to continue or suspend the existing ½-cent sales tax on the November 2026 ballot.

- ▶ The City estimates the existing ½-cent sales tax will generate approximately \$504,000 in the 2026-27 fiscal year.
- ▶ If voters approve the continuation, revenue would be used to help pay for future public projects, like the proposed community recreation center.
- ▶ The sales tax revenue also serves as a local funding source when the City pursues grants that require matching funds.

If approved, revenue from the ½-cent sales tax would be a part of the funding source for the proposed recreation center.

- ▶ The proposed funding approach includes revenue from the ½-cent sales tax, general obligation bond, and potential Sport Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act support from the State.
- ▶ Additional funding sources may also be needed to cover the full cost of the proposed project.

PROJECT FUNDING SOURCES



Preliminary outside design of the facility.

WHAT YOU WILL SEE ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT

The City of Wahoo is asking residents to approve or disapprove the continuation of an existing ½-cent sales tax on taxable purchases made within the city. The ballot language is as follows:

CITY OF WAHOO CONTINUATION OF SALES TAX

Shall the City Council of the City of Wahoo, Nebraska continue to impose the existing sales and use tax of one-half percent (0.5%) upon the same transactions within the City on which the State of Nebraska is authorized to impose a tax, with all revenues generated by continuation of the one-half percent (0.5%) to be used for public infrastructure projects of the City under the following terms and conditions?

Use of 0.5% Sales Tax. Revenues from continuation of the 0.5% sales and use tax are to be used for public infrastructure projects of the City as described in and permitted by the Local Option Revenue Act (the "Projects"). The Projects may include such infrastructure improvements determined to be necessary or appropriate by the City Council from time to time. If the City identifies appropriate funding sources in addition to continuation of such sales and use tax, the City intends for the Projects to include development and construction of a new civic center facility of the City (the "Civic Center") with features that could include programing and activity spaces supporting community recreation, health and wellness, aquatic activities, youth programs, and related administrative functions; as well as gymnasium and court space, fitness and wellness areas, an indoor pool, youth program space, group fitness rooms, a walking track, locker rooms, administrative offices, and related improvements, furnishings, equipment, and site work as may be necessary or appropriate for the facility.

Interlocal Agreement. The City and Saunders County have entered into an Interlocal Agreement which creates the Wahoo Civic Center Advisory Committee for purposes related to the proposed Civic Center. The Interlocal Agreement contains provisions, including benchmarks, relating to the long-term development of unified governance of a Civic Center. None of the

revenue from continuation of such 0.5% sales and use tax will be transferred to the Wahoo Civic Center Advisory Committee, but shall be used by the City for such purposes determined appropriate by City Council.

Term and Expiration of 0.5% Sales Tax. The 0.5% sales and use tax shall commence upon termination of the existing 0.5% sales and use tax approved by the qualified electors of the City at the election held on May 15, 2018, which is scheduled to expire on January 1, 2029, and shall terminate no more than ten years after the effective date of the 0.5% sales and use tax or, if bonds are issued and the local option sales and use tax revenue is pledged for payment of such bonds, upon payment of such bonds and any refunding bonds, whichever date is later.

- ☐ **FOR** said sales and use tax
- ☐ **AGAINST** said sales and use tax



A VOTE "FOR"

means the existing ½-cent sales tax would continue, with revenue used for eligible public infrastructure improvements.



A VOTE "AGAINST"

means the existing ½-cent sales tax would end after the Chestnut Street bonds are paid in full.