

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Proposition 8 to be voted on in the Grand County General Election on November 3, 2020

Grand County, Utah will hold a general election on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

The Moab City Council voted on June 9, 2020, to put an opinion question on the ballot for the 2020 Grand County General Election. This opinion question will be voted on only by voters residing within the Moab City limits. The proposition to be voted on in the election is Proposition 8, the Recreation, Arts & Parks (RAP) Tax, which is to impose a .1% Sales and Use Tax to fund cultural facilities, recreational facilities, and zoological facilities and botanical organizations, cultural organizations, and zoological organizations in the City. A copy of the voter information pamphlet can be downloaded on the Public Notice website, from the City of Moab website, or picked up at City offices during normal office hours.

Grand County will be conducting the election primarily BY-MAIL. Ballots will be mailed October 13, 2020 and must be postmarked no later than November 2, 2020. A sample ballot can be downloaded on the Utah Public Notice website and from our website.

Registered voters may also vote in-person or submit their ballot at the Grand County Clerk's Office at 125 E. Center Street on October 28, October 29, October 30, and November 2 from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Ballot drop off and in-person voting may be done at the Grand County Clerk's Office on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, 2020, from 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Ballots may be placed in the drop box location in the West Entrance of the Courthouse, by the Grand County Clerk's Office, from October 19, 2020, through October 30, 2020. On November 2, 2020, the ballot drop box will be located on the front lawn of the Grand County Courthouse from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (weather permitting – in case of inclement weather the ballot box will be moved inside). On Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, 2020, the ballot drop box will be located on the front lawn of the Grand County Courthouse from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (weather permitting – in case of inclement weather the ballot box will be moved inside).

/s/ Sommar Johnson
City Recorder

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit grandcountyutah.net/612/Elections for election details; go to moabcity.org/Proposition8 for additional information about the RAP Tax; or call the Grand County Clerk's Office at 435-259-1321.

VOTE BY MAIL

All voting is by mail-in ballot. Ballots will be mailed to registered voters on Oct. 13, 2020. To vote, simply complete the ballot, sign the affidavit on the envelope, and drop the envelope in the mail. Ballots must be postmarked no later than Monday, Nov. 2, 2020.

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REGISTER TO VOTE

Residents may register to vote in one of the following ways:

1. Register in person:

Grand County Clerk's Office,
125 E. Center Street, Moab, Utah

2. Mail a registration form to:

Grand County Clerk's Office,
125 E. Center Street, Moab, UT 84532

3. Register online through the state's secure site at voter.utah.gov

(Registration Deadline: Oct. 23, 2020)

For more information about voter registration or to verify your registration status, visit voteinfo.utah.gov

Election Official
Office of the Grand County Clerk
125 E. Center Street
Moab, UT 84532

www.grandcountyutah.net/612/Elections

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VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET

November 3, 2020
General Election

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
REGARDING THE PROPOSED

RECREATION, ARTS, & PARKS (RAP) TAX

Proposition #8

CITY OF

MOAB
UTAH

TITLE AND BALLOT LANGUAGE

RECREATION, ARTS, & PARKS (RAP) TAX

PROPOSITION #8

Shall the City of Moab, Utah, be authorized to impose a .1% sales and use tax to fund cultural facilities, recreational facilities, and zoological facilities and botanical organizations, cultural organizations, and zoological organizations in the City?

VOTE FOR ONE:

____ "FOR" THE RAP TAX

____ "AGAINST" THE RAP TAX

Funding may be used to support municipal or non-profit organizations providing programs such as, but not limited to:

- Arts and cultural programs
- Live theater
- Festivals
- Youth Arts
- Theater groups
- Museums

Funding may be used for capital improvements of publicly owned and operated amenities such as, but not limited to:

- Parks
- Playing fields/courts
- Pedestrian trails/Bike paths
- Splash pads
- Sports programming
- Swimming pools

ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST THE RAP TAX

ARGUMENTS FOR THE RAP TAX

Parks, recreation, and arts are valued and cherished aspects of the daily lives of Moab's citizens. Each provides opportunities for children, individuals, families, and seniors to build relationships and community as well as spur creativity, health and wellbeing. The City of Moab has a long history of creating open space, parks, developing youth and adult sports programming, and providing arts and recreation facilities for the benefit of our valley's residents as well as for our visitors.

To maintain these programs, as well as to add new possibilities for local residents, the Moab City Council voted unanimously to place Proposition 8 on the November 3rd ballot, which will create a funding mechanism needed for our programs and activities in Moab. This is called the Recreation, Arts, and Parks (RAP) tax. This would only increase our sales tax rate by one-tenth of one percent (0.1%), which amounts to one penny for every \$10 spent downtown at a local shop, a restaurant, or for an overnight accommodation. Unprepared food and gasoline are EXEMPT from this tax.

Prop 8 could raise between \$300-400k in funds each year for our parks, recreation, and arts, and the vast majority would be raised from visitor purchases...as our visitors enjoy many of our amenities.

Why is the City Council looking at this tax now? For many years, the City's programs and facilities including

the Moab Recreation and Aquatics Center (MRAC), youth sports, and the Moab Arts and Recreation Center (MARC) have been heavily subsidized by the general fund totaling almost \$1 million annually. Prop 8 would offset this subsidy for 10 years and would only be renewed with voter approval.

What Prop 8 isn't – Prop 8 is NOT a property tax! As a reminder, Moab City is one of the only cities in our state that does not levy a property tax. The property tax you pay goes directly to Grand County and is not shared with Moab City.

Residents of the City of Moab will have the opportunity to give feedback and input on how these funds are distributed. Every spring, the City Council goes through a budget process. Residents have the opportunity to provide the City Council with feedback, and the City Council will make the final decision on Prop 8 spending. This fund will be ours to spend based on our community's needs and priorities for our parks, recreation, and arts.

Proposition 8 will be on your November ballot. We encourage everyone to stay engaged and vote on Election Day!

Mayor Emily Niehaus and the Moab City Council

ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE RAP TAX

No arguments against the RAP Tax were submitted.

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

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the RAP Tax?

The Recreation, Arts & Parks (RAP) tax is a one-tenth (1/10) of 1% (0.1%) sales tax that would be included on sales and uses within Moab City limits. It is one cent for every \$10 spent. It is not a property tax. It is not levied on unprepared food items or gasoline.

Who pays the RAP Tax?

The tax is collected on sales and uses within the City of Moab, therefore, it is not a tax solely on Moab residents. Because it is a tax on purchases of goods or services (except groceries and gasoline) within Moab City boundaries, a visitor or tourist who shops in Moab stores, attends events, stays in overnight lodging, or eats in a restaurant in Moab will also contribute to the RAP tax. Based on 2019 tax revenues, at least 79% of the tax revenues will come from visitors.

Why ask voters to approve a tax when COVID-19 has impacted our community so much this year?

Investing in the arts, recreation, parks, and trails has been found to improve the quality of life in Utah communities that have a RAP tax. This very small tax will primarily be generated through tourism spending (at least 79%).

These tax revenues will help the City sustain funding for community programs and facilities – such as parks, the Moab Recreation and Aquatic Center (MRAC), and Moab Arts Center as well as arts, sports, and recreation programs for local youth – and can also be used to provide funding to local qualifying nonprofit groups. So while locals who shop in the City will pay a portion of the tax, it is one way visitors to our community will help pay for amenities/programs that benefit local residents.

How would the RAP Tax revenues be allocated?

According to State Code, the Recreation, Arts & Parks tax revenues can only be used for recreational, cultural, arts and parks facilities and programs provided by the city or qualifying nonprofit groups. State law prohibits the use of RAP Tax revenue for any other purpose, including general administrative expenses.

What are the City's priorities for RAP tax revenue?

In the first two years or so, most of the revenue would be used for City of Moab recreation, arts, and parks programs and facilities. Some funding would also be set aside for programs developed by qualifying non-profit organizations.

SAMPLE

OFFICIAL SAMPLE BALLOT
GRAND COUNTY, UTAH
NOVEMBER 3, 2020
CLERK OF GRAND COUNTY

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote for the candidate of your choice, fill in the oval next to the candidate's name. Use a black or blue ballpoint pen. If you tear, deface, or wrongly mark this ballot, contact the County Clerk's office. Completely fill in the oval.

Table with 3 columns: FEDERAL RACES, STATE RACES, and COUNTY RACES. Rows include U.S. President and Vice President, Attorney General, County Commission Districts #1-5, State Auditor, State Treasurer, State Senate District 27, State House Districts 69 and 70, U.S. House District 3, Governor and Lt. Governor, and LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD. Includes candidates like Brock Pierce, Kanye West, Joe Biden, Kamala Harris, Rudy J. Bautista, Greg Skordas, Sean D. Reyes, John 'Frugal' Dougall, Jeffrey L. Ostler, Brian L. Fabbi, Jo Jorgensen, Jeremy Cohen, Joe McHugh, Elizabeth Storm, Howie Hawkins, Angela Walker, Gloria La Riva, Donald J. Trump, Michael R. Pence, Christine F. Watkins, Jessica O'Leary, Carl Albrecht, John Curtis, Daniel Clyde Cummings, Thomas G. McNeill, Devin D. Thorpe, Chris Peterson, Greg Duerden, Spencer J. Cox, Daniel Rhead Cottam, Gabriel Woytek, Evan Clapper, Trisha Hedin, Greg Halliday, Jacques Chedego Hadler, Kevin Walker, Stephen J. Stocks, Debbie Swasey, Quinn Hall, John Alan Cortes, Lucas Blake, Chris Kauffman, Melissa Jane Byrd, and Stephen Kennedy.

SAMPLE

LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD	PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS	PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
Grand County School Board District 5 Vote for One	Constitutional Amendment A Shall the Utah Constitution be amended to change words that apply to a single gender (such as the word "men") to words that are not limited to a single gender (such as the word "persons")? <input type="radio"/> FOR <input type="radio"/> AGAINST	Constitutional Amendment F Shall the Utah Constitution be amended to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> change when annual general sessions of the Utah Legislature begin from the fourth Monday in January to a day in January designated by a law passed by the Utah Legislature; and exclude state holidays that are not also federal holidays from counting towards the maximum number of days of the Utah Legislature's annual general sessions? <input type="radio"/> FOR <input type="radio"/> AGAINST
<input type="radio"/> ARIEL ATKINS	Constitutional Amendment B Shall the Utah Constitution be amended to specify that certain requirements that a person must meet to be eligible for the office of senator or representative in the Utah Legislature apply at the time the person is elected or appointed? <input type="radio"/> FOR <input type="radio"/> AGAINST	Constitutional Amendment G Shall the Utah Constitution be amended to expand the uses of money the state receives from income taxes and intangible property taxes to include supporting children and supporting people with a disability? <input type="radio"/> FOR <input type="radio"/> AGAINST
JUDICIAL RETENTION Shall John A. Pearce be retained in the office of Justice of the Supreme Court of Utah? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	Constitutional Amendment C Shall the Utah Constitution be amended to make the following changes to the Utah Constitution's ban on slavery and involuntary servitude: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> remove the language that allows slavery and involuntary servitude as punishment for a crime; and clarify that the ban does not affect the otherwise lawful administration of the criminal justice system? <input type="radio"/> FOR <input type="radio"/> AGAINST	MEASURES SUBMITTED
Shall David N. Mortensen be retained in the office of Judge of the Court of Appeals of Utah? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	Constitutional Amendment D Shall the Utah Constitution be amended to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> rewrite a provision relating to municipal water rights and sources of water supply; allow a municipality to define the boundary of the municipality's water service area and to set the terms of water service for that area; state that a municipality is not prevented from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> supplying water to water users outside the municipality's boundary; or entering into a contract to supply water outside the municipality's water service area if the water is more than what is needed for the municipality's water service area; and modify the basis upon which a municipality is allowed to exchange water rights or sources of water supply? <input type="radio"/> FOR <input type="radio"/> AGAINST	Proposition #8 Shall the City of Moab, Utah, be authorized to impose a .1% sales and use tax to fund cultural facilities, recreational facilities, and zoological facilities and botanical organizations, cultural organizations, and zoological organizations in the City? <input type="radio"/> FOR <input type="radio"/> AGAINST
Shall Diana Hagen be retained in the office of Judge of the Court of Appeals of Utah? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	Constitutional Amendment E Shall the Utah Constitution be amended to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> preserve the individual right to hunt and to fish, including the right to use traditional hunting and fishing methods subject to certain regulation; and establish public hunting and fishing as the preferred way of managing and controlling wildlife? <input type="radio"/> FOR <input type="radio"/> AGAINST	Proposition #10 Shall Grand County adopt the alternate form of government known as the Council-Manager Form pursuant to the Optional Plan for Grand County Government that the study committee has recommended? <input type="radio"/> FOR <input type="radio"/> AGAINST
Shall Gregory Keith Orme be retained in the office of Judge of the Court of Appeals of Utah? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	<input type="radio"/> FOR <input type="radio"/> AGAINST	Proposition #16 Shall Section 2.04.030 (Governing body) of the Grand County Plan for County Government be amended to change the composition of the Commission from seven members to five, as follows: "The governing body of the county shall be a five-member county commission (the Commission), which shall . . ." <input type="radio"/> FOR <input type="radio"/> AGAINST
Shall Jill M. Pohlman be retained in the office of Judge of the Court of Appeals of Utah? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	<input type="radio"/> FOR <input type="radio"/> AGAINST	Proposition #17 Shall Section 2.04.040.A (Election, qualifications, terms and nominations of commission members) of the Grand County Plan for County Government be amended to remove district seats and elect all commission members at-large, as follows: "All Commission members shall be elected from the county at large." <input type="radio"/> FOR <input type="radio"/> AGAINST
Shall Michele M. Christiansen Forster be retained in the office of Judge of the Court of Appeals of Utah? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	<input type="radio"/> FOR <input type="radio"/> AGAINST	
Shall Ryan M. Harris be retained in the office of Judge of the Court of Appeals of Utah? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		
Shall Craig M. Bunnell be retained in the office of Judge of the Juvenile Court of the Seventh Juvenile Court District? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		
Shall Mary L. Manley be retained in the office of Judge of the Juvenile Court of the Seventh Juvenile Court District? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		