

TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE

**TOWN OF MEAD
WELD COUNTY, COLORADO**

Election Date: November 5, 2024

Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:

Town of Mead
Town Clerk's Office
441 Third Street
PO Box 626
Mead, CO 80542
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Ballot Title and Text:

Town of Mead Ballot Issue 2Q

SHALL THE TOWN OF MEAD TAXES BE INCREASED NOT MORE THAN \$2,000,000 (TWO MILLION DOLLARS) ANNUALLY IN THE FIRST FISCAL YEAR OF COLLECTIONS (2025) AND BY WHATEVER AMOUNTS AS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY AN ADDITIONAL SALES AND USE TAX OF ONE PERCENT (1%) (OR AN INCREASE OF APPROXIMATELY TEN CENTS PER TEN DOLLARS SPENT), COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2025 TO FUND PUBLIC SAFETY, INCLUDING

- ADDITIONAL POLICE OFFICERS AND EQUIPMENT
- ADDITIONAL SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS
- POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES
- INCREASED COMMUNITY POLICING

AND SHALL THE TAX REVENUES COLLECTED:

- BE RETAINED IN A SEGREGATED ACCOUNT SEPARATE FROM ALL OTHER TOWN FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS, AND
- BE USED ONLY TO PAY FOR PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE TOWN OF MEAD AND NEVER BE TRANSFERRED INTO THE TOWN GENERAL FUND OR USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN PUBLIC SAFETY,

WITH ALL TAX REVENUES AND INVESTMENT EARNINGS THEREON TO BE COLLECTED, RETAINED, AND SPENT AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

Yes/For _____

No/Against _____

Total Town Fiscal Year Spending:

Fiscal Year

Fiscal Year Spending

2024 (estimated)	\$ 19,835,932	2024 (estimated)
2023 (actual)	\$ 14,426,495	2023 (actual)
2022 (actual)	\$ 19,458,868	2022 (actual)
2021 (actual)	\$ 13,252,737	2021 (actual)
2020 (actual)	\$ 9,325,166	2020 (actual)

Overall percentage change from 2020 through 2024: 212.71%

Overall dollar change from 2020 through 2024: \$ 10,510,266

Town estimate of the Maximum Dollar Amount of the Proposed Tax Increase for fiscal year 2025 (the first full fiscal year of the proposed tax increase):

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Town estimate of 2025 fiscal year spending without the proposed tax increase: \$33,819,022 ¹

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue:

As a resident of the Town of Mead, I strongly support the proposed 1% Sales and Use Tax Measure dedicated to funding our police services. This measure is a smart approach to ensuring that the burden of funding public safety does not rest solely on the shoulders of our residents. By increasing sales and use taxes, we tap into contributions from non-residents who shop in our town and those who make online purchases, thereby broadening the revenue base. Additionally, the increase in use tax on new construction will significantly boost our town's finances.

One of the most reassuring aspects of this measure is that the funds will be securely held in a separate, dedicated account. This means it is illegal for the Town of Mead to use this money for anything other than police services. This guarantees that our investment will directly benefit our community's safety. With this measure, we can afford to have a School Resource Officer (SRO) in every Mead school, which is essential for the safety and well-being of our students. It also allows for more police officers per shift, ensuring faster response times and enhanced coverage across the town. Moreover, this measure will provide the necessary funding for public safety facilities and equipment, ensuring our officers have the tools to effectively protect and serve our community.

By voting for this measure, we are not just making a decision, we are taking a proactive step towards a safer, more secure Mead. This is an investment in our peace of mind, the safety of our children, and the overall well-being of our town.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

¹ On April 5, 1994, voters within the Town approved the collection, retention and expenditure of the full revenues generated by the Town in 1994 and subsequent years, notwithstanding the provisions of Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution.