

Derby Difference Sales Tax

LIBRARY

Overview

- Derby citizens will vote on the **Derby Difference Sales Tax** Sept. 25 through Oct. 8, 2013.
- This is not a tax increase. It would replace the existing Library Sales Tax and keep the total tax rate in Derby exactly the same.

Why does Derby need a sales tax?

The **Derby Difference Sales Tax** will enhance the quality of life for Derby residents and visitors by funding:

1. Construction of a new central park, a tournament-quality baseball/softball complex, and a dog park;
2. Additional emergency response personnel to improve response times in our growing community; and
3. Operating expenses for the Derby Public Library.



How much of the proposed half-cent tax will pay for Library operating expenses?

- When \$100 is spent in Derby, 50 cents would go to improve Derby. Of that, 10 cents would fund library operations.

Why do we need to pass this tax? Can't we just continue the Library Sales Tax?

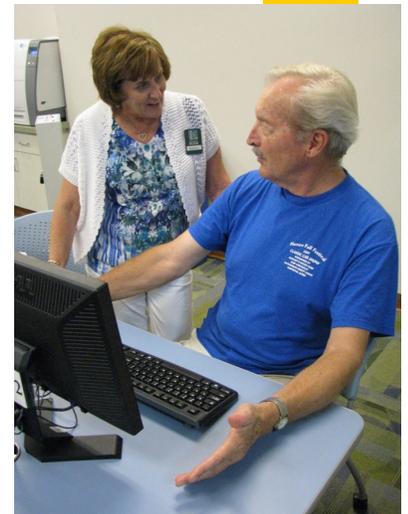
- In 2007, Derby citizens passed the Library Sales Tax to pay for construction of the new library and library operating expenses through 2017.
- By ending the current Library Sales Tax on Dec. 31, 2014 and creating the new **Derby Difference Sales Tax** that will go into effect Jan. 1, 2015, residents and visitors can pay the same amount of sales tax and fund more projects in Derby.

Is this tax fair?

- Shopping and restaurant dining in Derby draws people from a 50-mile radius. This sales tax ensures out-of-towners help pay for services that they use but are otherwise funded by Derby property taxes.
- Since an estimated **45% of library patrons live outside of Derby**, they do not pay property taxes to support the library. The best way for them to financially support the library is through the **Derby Difference Sales Tax**.

Can we reduce services at the library to avoid this sales tax?

- Without this sales tax, either the library would have to reduce expenses or the City of Derby would have to increase property taxes.
- The sales tax pays for utilities, building maintenance and other essential services. Reducing services would be possible yet painful to the many people who use and value the Derby Public Library.



Learn more at www.derbyweb.com/salestax

How many people use the Library?

- On an average day, 530 people visit the Derby Public Library, including many who come to use the free computer lab.
- More than 45 groups hold meetings or events at the library each month.

What is the Library's circulation?

- More than 400,000 items (books, e-books, magazines, movies, and video games) circulated in 2012, which is 20% more than the previous year.
- Patrons can download the Derby Public Library app to check out e-books for their e-readers or download the new Zinio app to read select magazines for free.



What does the Library offer?

- 758 programs were offered last year for children, teens, and adults.
- Attendance at adult programs increased 38% in 2012.

What other services does the Library provide?

- A computer lab with internet access
- Free fax and notary services
- Access to a variety of databases (e.g. law, crafting, car repair)
- Convenient drive-through window for easy pick up and drop off
- Conference room use at free or low cost
- Public printing, copying and scanning

HOW DO I VOTE?

Registration

- Derby citizens may register to vote **now through Sept. 17** at the Derby Public Library, 1600 E. Walnut Grove Rd. or the Derby Welcome Center, 611 Mulberry. Call 788-9003 if you have questions.
- Citizens must re-register to vote if they've had a name change, change of address or changed party affiliation since the last election.



Voting

- **VOTE BY MAIL: Now through Oct. 4** citizens may request an advance ballot be mailed to them by completing the form "Application for Advance Voting Ballot" at: www.sedgwickcounty.org/elections and mail or fax it to the Sedgwick County Election Office.
- **ADVANCE VOTING IN WICHITA: Sept. 25, 26, 27, 30** and **Oct. 1, 2, 3, 4** from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and **Oct. 7**, 8 a.m. to Noon at the Sedgwick County Election Office (historic courthouse), 510 N. Main in Wichita.
- **ADVANCE VOTING IN DERBY: Oct. 3 & 4**, from Noon to 7 p.m. and **Oct. 5** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Woodlawn United Methodist Church, 431 S. Woodlawn in Derby.
- **ELECTION DAY: Oct. 8** polls are open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. On this day, voters must vote at their assigned polling site in Derby (Woodlawn United Methodist Church, Calvary Baptist Church or Pleasantview Baptist Church). Call 788-9003 for help in finding your polling site.

