

Wilson County Emergency Services District No. 5 Sales and Use Tax Proposition Election Summary

The Board of Commissioners (the "Board") of Wilson County Emergency Services District No.5 ("WCESD 5", or the "District") has called for a sales and use tax proposition to be on the election ballot for Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

If approved by voters, this proposition would authorize up to one and one-quarter percent (1.25%) to be captured by the District in all areas not yet at the state maximum of 8.25%. The funds will be used to address the needs of the District to address the rapid growth in the area.

Q. Is this a property tax? Are my property taxes going up?

A. No. This is a sales and use tax, which will be applied to all taxable goods and services purchased within the District boundaries. This would apply to local residents and anyone traveling to or through the District who purchases taxable goods and services. It will not affect your property taxes. It may help to lower them actually by allowing the District to lower the annual ad valorem tax rate if the collection of the sales and use tax is great enough to allow the District to get away from depending only on ad valorem collections.

Q. Will I be charged more than 8.25% on taxable purchases?

A. No. The state maximum on all taxable purchases is 8.25%. This will capture the 2% (two penny's on every dollar) in those places within the District boundaries not already collecting 8.25% on taxable purchases.

Q. What will this additional revenue be used for?

A. The four overarching goals outlined in the long-range plan are:

- ◆ Implementing recruiting programs to assist with staffing shortages;

- ◆ Securing additional equipment and training, including technical and swift water rescue;
- ◆ Adding additional 24/7 response vehicles; and
- ◆ Expanding response through establishing additional stations spread throughout the District

Q. How do I find it on the ballot?

A. The November 7, 2023 ballot language will read as follows:

"The adoption of a local sales and use tax in Wilson County Emergency Services District NO. 5 at a rate not to exceed one and one-quarter percent in any location in the district."

Q. What if the proposition fails?

A. Due to the growth the County has experienced, it will be a challenge for the District to continue to provide its high level of service to all our residents, but the District will always answer the call.

Q. When is Early Voting?

A. Early Voting begins October 23, 2023, and Election Day is November 7, 2023. For more information on voting, including registering to vote, go to:

www.co.wilson.tx.us/page/wilson.

Elections For more information on the sales and use tax proposition including exhibits and resident educational materials, please visit the WCESD 5 website:

www.wilsoncountyesd5.com

