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## VOTE BY MAIL

All voting is by mail-in ballot. Ballots will be mailed to registered voters on October 12, 2021 To vote, simply complete the ballot, sign the affidavit on the envelope, and return the ballot.

By Mail -Ballots must be postmarked no later than Monday November 1, 2021.

DROP BOX—
Monroe City Office until 5:00 p.m. on Election
Day (November 2, 2021)
24 Hour Drop Boxes Monroe Community Center, 220 S 300 W
Sevier County Administration Building, 250 N
Main, Richfield (east side)
Until 8 p.m. November 2, 2021

Monroe City 10 N Main Monroe, UT 84754

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE



#### **PROPOSITION #12**

"Shall Monroe City, Utah be authorized to impose a 0.1% sales and use tax to help fund recreational facilities in Monroe?"

VOTE FOR ONE:

\_"YES" or \_\_\_\_ "NO"

NOVEMBER 2, 2021

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# **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 Monroe's citizens. Each provides opportunities for children, individuals, families, and seniors to build relationships as a community as well as spurring good health and wellbeing. Monroe City has a long history of creating parks and recreation facilities for the benefit of our area residents as well as for our visitors.

To maintain our existing programs, as well as to add new possibilities for local residents, the Monroe City Council voted unanimously to place Proposition #12 on the November 2, 2021 ballot, which will create a funding mechanism needed for our programs and activities in Monroe. 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 at our local businesses. Unprepared food and gasoline are EXEMPT from this tax.

The vast majority of funds raised by Proposition 12 for our parks, recreation, and arts, would be from visitor purchases. These funds will be spent based on our community needs and priorities for our parks, recreation, and arts.

Monroe City Council will hold a public hearing to receive arguments for or against the RAP tax.

Proposition 12 will be on your November ballot. We encourage everyone to stay engaged and vote on Election Day! Mayor Parsons and the Monroe City Council.

### **ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE RAP TAX**

We are opposed to the proposed RAP tax based on the following reasons:

- 1. We believe that everyone should live within their means and that includes Monroe City as you have a fiduciary responsibility to the citizens of Monroe.
- 2. A few years ago, 2 or 3, we took 100% increase in property taxes in order to improve the roads and preserve the life span of them.
- 3. Prior to the road improvement project we took a substantial increase in the power rates. This affected everyone including farmers who have large pump bills for irrigation.
- 4. Developing the hot springs is particularly concerning because we don't know what the cities liability is and see it as an issue similar to that of a swimming pool, or an attractive nuisance.
- 5. Camping at the fishing pond without charging a fee as this is in direct competition to a campground that is just down the road.

Everything concerning parks and recreation costs money and rather than a tax, enact policies that take care of what we currently have. Do not add any further parks until we have saved for the project and future maintenance. Everything is inflating and increasing taxes, no matter how minuscule, adds to that.

Monroe has always been a wonderful little community to live in, let's keep it that way and not tax the heck out of everyone.

Thank you for the work you do on our behalf, but PLEASE consider those whose income has not kept up with inflation. We don't want to burden people with choosing between staying in their home or eating or maintaining their property. *R.K. and Christing Nielson*