



City of Baytown

Street Maintenance Sales Tax Election

May 10, 2008

PROPOSITION NO. 1: THE REAUTHORIZATION OF THE LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX IN THE CITY OF BAYTOWN AT THE RATE OF ONE-FOURTH OF ONE PERCENT TO CONTINUE PROVIDING REVENUE FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF MUNICIPAL STREETS.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Why are we having an election on the street maintenance sales tax?

- A. The street maintenance sales tax was adopted by voters in May, 2004 and expires every four years unless the voters re-authorize the tax.

Q. What can the City spend the money from the tax for?

- A. The street maintenance sales tax may only be used to maintain, repair or replace city-owned streets that existed when the tax was adopted. The tax may not be used to construct new streets where there previously was not a street. No funds are spent on City employee salaries, benefits, supplies or equipment and no funds are spent on design consultants.

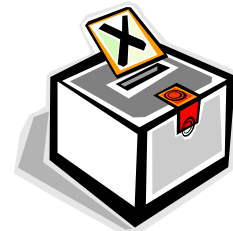


Q. Who repairs the streets?

- A. The repairs are done by contractors selected by the City based on competitive bids. The work may involve putting down a new driving surface (mill and overlay); limited replacement of parts of concrete streets (concrete repair) or sealing of cracks and gaps in roadways (crack sealing). The City also has begun a pilot project of applying a rock-and-sealant (chip seal) over some roads to prevent water from entering and damaging the base underneath the driving surface.

Q. How many miles of streets have been repaired since the tax was adopted?

- A. More than 22 miles of streets have been resurfaced, hundreds of miles of cracks have been sealed and numerous concrete road panels have been replaced.



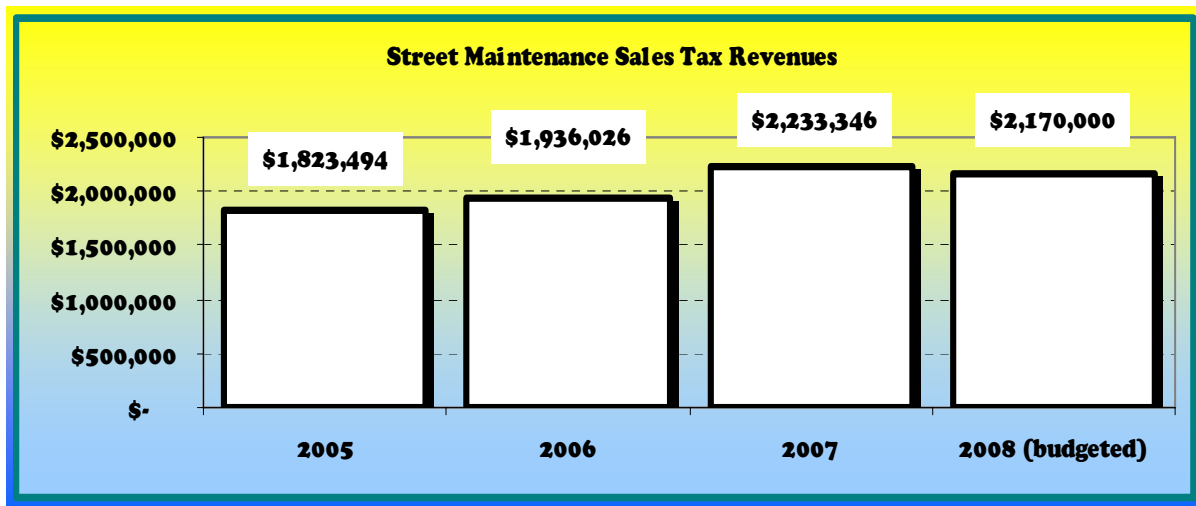
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Q. Will this tax expire after four years?

A. Yes. In 2012, the voters may be asked to re-authorize the tax.

Q. How much money does the City receive from the street maintenance sales tax?

A. The City has received about \$2 million per year from the tax. The City anticipates that for the 2007-08 fiscal year, the tax will raise \$2,170,000 if it is re-authorized by the voters. The chart below show the actual and anticipated sales tax collection by year:



Q. When is the election and early voting?

A. The election is May 10th. Early voting is from April 28th to May 6th.

Q. Where may I vote early?

A. You may vote early at any of the following places: Baytown City Hall, Goose Creek ISD Administration Building, or the Chamber County Annex Building on Highway 146.

Q. Who should I call for more information?

A. You may call the City of Baytown at 281.422.8281. You will be routed to the employee who is best qualified to answer your question.

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