

Police USE Tax Quarterly Report

Information through February 2021



Background Information

On August 6, 2019, the voters of the City of Independence approved Proposition P, which implemented a local use tax at the rate of 2.25%. A local use tax is a tax placed on goods purchased out of state for delivery to and use in Independence. Local use tax can only be collected if the vendor has a physical presence in the State of Missouri. Online purchases from vendors who do not have a retail store or distribution center in the State of Missouri are not subject to local sales tax or local use tax.

Background Continued

Fifty percent of these funds are allocated to support operations of the Regional Animal Shelter until such time that the amount being allocated into the shelter reaches \$750,000 annually. The other fifty percent is designated to hire and equip up to 30 additional police officers. Once the level of funding for the Shelter and the Police Department are met, the remainder of the local use tax proceeds will flow into the other City sales tax funds in the same manner the City's total local sales tax is allocated.

Council Resolution No. 6465 amended Section 3 of Resolution 5075 which created the Public Safety Sales Tax Oversight Committee. This amendment authorizes the Oversight Committee to be renamed the Public Safety Tax Oversight Committee, and directs the Committee to review revenue and expenditures generated through the collection of the local use tax to ensure its use for the funding of police personnel.

Unlike the Public Safety Sales Tax, there is no sunset on the Local Use Tax.

20/21 FY Revenue

Beginning 2020/21 FY Fund Balance:	\$667,093
Adjustment made in Sept to 19/20 FY Balance: <i>(based on est. accrual thru June 2020)</i>	<u>\$185,000</u>
Revised Beginning Fund Balance for 20/21 FY:	\$852,093
 *Tax Collected thru February 2021 (PD only):	 \$2,416,018
Interest / Investment Earnings:	<u>\$ 4,419</u>
20/21 FY Revenue to date:	\$2,420,436
 Total Revenue since inception:	 \$3,272,529

*Split between PD and Animal Services was 50/50 until Animal Services reached \$750,000. This was reached in November. Tax revenue now goes 100% to Police until \$3 million is reached, at which time additional revenue starts to waterfall to other funds.

20/21 FY Expenditures

Personnel hired under the Use Tax:

	Name	Title	Hire Date	Notes
1	Grant DeLaCruz	Recruit	8/6/2020	Academy (should graduate 7/8/21) (have to start over due to COVID)
	Spencer Sturm	Recruit	8/11/2020	9/9/20 - Resigned/demoted to Detention Officer
2	Shawn Bloss	Police Officer	8/11/2020	(Certified) P2
	Chris Bargarfrede	Recruit	8/17/2020	8/27/20 - Resigned
3	Andrea Smith	Recruit	8/19/2020	Academy (should graduate 7/8/21) (have to start over due to COVID)
4	Allyx McCoy	Recruit	8/20/2020	Extended Leave beginning 3/9/21 (up to 36 mos - military)
5	Blaize Madrid-Evans	Recruit	12/21/2020	Academy (should graduate 7/8/21)
	Amanda Johnston	Recruit	1/4/2021	1/19/21 resigned - went to Records Unit
	Ryan Woods	Recruit	1/4/2021	1/19/21 resigned - went to Dispatch
6	Kelsey Franklin	Recruit	1/4/2021	Academy (should graduate 7/8/21)
7	Mason Sipes	Recruit	1/4/2021	Academy (should graduate 7/8/21)
8	Dylan Scheirich	Recruit	1/4/2021	Academy (should graduate 7/8/21)
	Bryan Blanks	Recruit	1/4/2021	1/29/21 - Resigned
9	Nicholas Pablo	Recruit	1/6/2021	Academy (should graduate 7/8/21)
10	Nikole Shapot	Police Officer	1/13/2021	Certified
11	Coleman Whitaker	Recruit	1/13/2021	Graduates Blue River Academy 4/29/21
12	Bryan Conley	Police Officer	2/22/2021	Certified
13	Travis Lorus	Police Officer	2/22/2021	Certified
14	Maria Ostmeyer	Recruit	2/22/2021	Awaiting next Academy

This leaves 16 vacancies to be filled under the Use Tax. (4 of which will be Police Sergeants)

Personnel Expenses:

Employee	Sum of Amount	Sum of Benefits	Totals
BARGFREDE	\$1,401.84	\$111.72	\$ 1,513.56
BLANKS	\$3,115.20	\$242.79	\$ 3,357.99
BLOSS	\$24,899.00	\$9,560.81	\$ 34,459.81
DELA CRUZ	\$18,784.69	\$6,248.16	\$ 25,032.85
FRANKLIN	\$4,672.80	\$387.58	\$ 5,060.38
MCCOY	\$19,781.52	\$9,808.78	\$ 29,590.30
PABLO	\$4,361.28	\$352.24	\$ 4,713.52
SHAPOT	\$3,536.85	\$287.27	\$ 3,824.12
SIPIES	\$4,672.80	\$424.34	\$ 5,097.14
SMITH	\$20,799.84	\$4,074.13	\$ 24,873.97
STURM	\$2,647.92	\$209.06	\$ 2,856.98
WHITAKER	\$3,582.48	\$304.17	\$ 3,886.65
WOODS	\$2,024.88	\$160.71	\$ 2,185.59
Grand Total	\$114,281.10	\$32,171.76	\$ 146,452.86

Overall Fund Balance:

Total Expenses Charged to Use Tax thru February:		\$	146,452.86
Total Revenue through February 2021:		\$	3,272,529
Overall Available Fund Balance:		\$	3,126,076