



GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 5, 2024

PROPOSITION 13 RECREATION, ARTS, & PARKS TAX

The General Election will be held on November 5, 2024 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Information regarding the location of ballot drop boxes, polling places for each voting precinct, each early voting polling place, and each election day voting center, including any changes to the location of a polling place and the location of an additional polling place, may be found at:
the Utah County Clerk Election Website:
<https://www.vote.utahcounty.gov>
the Statewide Electronic Voter Information Website:
<https://vote.utah.gov>
the City of Saratoga Springs website
www.saratogasprings-ut.gov/elections

To obtain information regarding the location of a polling place, voters may also call (801) 851-8128, or email Elections@utahcounty.gov.



City of Saratoga Springs
1307 N Commerce Drive
Saratoga Springs, UT 84045

Voter Information Pamphlet

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PROPOSITION 13

SARATOGA SPRINGS CITY,
UTAH, RAP TAX ELECTION
NOVEMBER 5, 2024

Shall the City of Saratoga Springs, Utah, be authorized to impose a .1% sales and use tax for the purpose of funding recreation, cultural, and zoological facilities, and botanical, cultural, and zoological organizations within the City?

- FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A .1% RAP SALES TAX
- AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF A .1% RAP SALES TAX

No Property Tax Impact



THE ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST A BALLOT PROPOSITION ARE THE OPINIONS OF THE AUTHORS.

ARGUMENT FOR

Proposition 13 relates to whether the City of Saratoga Springs ("City") should impose a sales tax of .001 (1/10th of a penny) on each dollar spent in the City to fund recreational, cultural, botanical, and zoological facilities, programs, and non-profit organizations (commonly referred to as a "RAP tax"). This amounts to **one penny** for every **\$10** spent or ten cents for every \$100 spent for non-food transactions. Sales tax on food transactions will remain unchanged. The RAP tax will help meet the recreational and cultural needs of a growing city with over 60,000 residents. The City Council encourages residents to vote **"YES"** on Proposition 13 for the reasons herein.

Recreational and cultural activities are valued aspects of the lives of City residents. Recreational and cultural activities provide opportunities for individuals, families, and seniors to improve their mental and physical health, build relationships and community, spur creativity, and advance general well-being. Saratoga Springs continues to grow and add exceptional parks and cultural activities and programs that draw people to our community from the whole region. These activities will be enhanced by the passage of the RAP tax.

Those who use the parks, recreational, and cultural programs and facilities should help pay for the upkeep and growth of such. Revenue from the RAP tax comes from all shoppers (residents and non-residents) who shop here and come here to recreate and participate in activities such as Splash Days. **Approximately 71% of point of sales transactions in Saratoga Springs come from individuals and businesses from outside the city.** In other words,

those who recreate here but don't reside or pay property taxes will help pay for the recreational and cultural services they enjoy when they visit our City if the RAP tax is approved.

Most surrounding cities have a RAP tax. These cities include but are not limited to Lehi, American Fork, Highland, Alpine, Cedar Hills, Pleasant Grove, Lindon, Orem, and Provo. The amount of 1/10th of a penny for each dollar spent is not a deterrent for those who choose to shop in other cities. **For example, non-resident shoppers will still choose to shop in the City regardless of the imposition of the RAP tax, and these shoppers will help fund the City's growing recreational and cultural amenities they enjoy.** The RAP tax is not imposed on food transactions, so the majority of revenue will come from non-essential transactions.

If approved, RAP tax funding may be used to support services such as:

- Parks
- Playing fields
- Sports courts
- Trails
- Marinas
- Arts and cultural festivals and programs
- Amphitheatres
- Splash pads
- Swimming pools
- Recreation centers

The City Council encourages residents to help support recreational and cultural activities, programs, and facilities in the City by voting **"YES"** on Proposition 13. The RAP tax will be a major benefit to the lives of City residents and help fund many of the activities, services, and programs that make this such a great place to live.

- Saratoga Springs City Council

Public meeting to hear arguments will be held Oct. 15, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. City of Saratoga Springs Council Chambers 1307 North Commerce Drive, Suite 200, Saratoga Springs, UT 84045

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST WAS SUBMITTED