

## Proposition #3: RAP Tax Fact Sheet

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<b><i>What does RAP stand for?</i></b>	Recreation, Arts, and Parks
<b><i>What is the RAP Tax?</i></b>	The RAP tax is a 1/10 <sup>th</sup> of 1% sales tax that would be included on sales and uses within Lehi City. It is not a property tax. It does not include sales for most food items or food ingredients.
<b><i>Who pays the RAP Tax?</i></b>	The tax is collected on sales and uses within Lehi City. Therefore, it is not a tax solely on Lehi residents. To the contrary, it is a tax on anyone that purchases a good or service within Lehi City boundaries. A visitor or tourist that may shop in Lehi stores or attend events within Lehi City will also contribute to the RAP tax.
<b><i>How is the RAP Tax used?</i></b>	According to Utah State code, the RAP tax can be used for a broad list of recreational, cultural, or zoological facilities and recreational, cultural, or zoological programs or organizations that provide a benefit to the City.
<b><i>Who determines how the RAP tax will be used?</i></b>	Lehi City residents will have the opportunity to provide feedback and input into how the funds are distributed. The City will suggest potential projects. As is with each budget year, residents will have the opportunity to be informed of those projects and provide input and feedback during a public meeting. The City Council will make the final decision.
<b><i>What is the official stance of the City and City Council on the RAP Tax?</i></b>	The City or City Council does not have an official stance on this issue. By law, the City is not permitted to advocate for this tax, nor is it permitted to show opposition. The City Council showed support for and approved a resolution to have the RAP tax on the November ballot. This should not be considered an act of support for the tax, but an act of support for the residents of Lehi having the opportunity to vote on the RAP tax.
<b><i>What other cities have a RAP Tax.</i></b>	Orem, American Fork, and Salt Lake County currently have a RAP tax. Orem recently passed the RAP tax for a second term. Funds have been used for a wide range of publicly-owned facilities and private cultural programs or organizations that provide benefit to Orem City.
<b><i>Is this a property tax?</i></b>	No, this is not a property tax. This is a sales and use tax. Therefore it is not automatically assessed on each resident. It is only charged at the point of sale.
<b><i>How much can I expect to pay?</i></b>	1/10 <sup>th</sup> of 1% is equal to one cent for every \$10 spent. A family that spends \$1,000 a month on qualifying purchases will pay additional \$1 a month.

<b><i>Am I already paying the RAP Tax?</i></b>	If Lehi residents currently shop in American Fork, Salt Lake County, or Orem, they are already paying an additional 1/10 <sup>th</sup> of 1% on sales tax.
<b><i>Has Lehi City increased property taxes this year?</i></b>	No, Lehi City has not increased property taxes. The State of Utah recently approved a statewide property increase that affects the base rate assessed by Alpine School District. The property tax increase is not related to Lehi City.
<b><i>Will Lehi be increasing property taxes this year?</i></b>	No, the Lehi City fiscal year 2016 budget does not include a property tax increase.
<b><i>Has Lehi City already raised other taxes on Lehi Residents this year?</i></b>	No. Lehi City has not raised taxes on residents this year. The only tax increases that have been approved are at the state level. One tax on the November ballot, the RAP Tax, has been placed by Lehi. The other tax, the Transportation Tax, has been placed on the ballot by Utah County. Both are sales and use taxes.
<b><i>Have projects already been identified?</i></b>	There has not been a predetermined list of projects for the RAP tax. Potential projects may be selected from projects in the 5-year capital improvement plan found in the FY2015 budget or items identified in the Parks, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan (2015 version).
<b><i>How do Lehi registered voters feel about RAP?</i></b>	A recent survey of 500 likely voters in Lehi indicates that 61% of likely voters would vote for the RAP tax.
<b><i>What do residents want to see with the RAP tax if approved?</i></b>	The previously mentioned survey indicates that, if approved, 49% of likely voters would like to see equal funding for arts/cultural activities and recreation/parks. 38% of likely voters indicated they would like to see more funding for recreation/parks with less funding for arts/cultural activities.
<b><i>What is the attitude toward upgrading parks v. building new parks?</i></b>	According to the survey, 48% would prefer to upgrade and maintain existing parks, fields and facilities while 47% would prefer to fund new parks, fields, and facilities. Those who would like to see more funding for recreation/parks tend to be located in areas where the City has identified a deficiency in parks.
<b><i>What is the attitude toward investing in existing artistic and cultural organizations v. encouraging the creation of new organizations?</i></b>	According to the survey, 57% would like to invest in existing artistic and cultural organizations while 30% would like to encourage the creation of new artistic and cultural organizations.
<b><i>Where can I find more information?</i></b>	Visit <a href="http://www.lehi-ut.gov/election-information">www.lehi-ut.gov/election-information</a> and click on the "Proposition 3-RAP Tax Information" link.

