

This language will appear on your November 5, 2024 ballot.

SUMMIT COUNTY PROPOSITION “18” - EMERGENCY SERVICES

Shall Summit County, Utah, be authorized to impose a one-half of one percent (0.5%), which is the equivalent of one penny for every two dollars spent, sales and use tax (not applicable to groceries, gas, prescription drugs, and other items exempt from sales tax) for the purpose of mitigating the impacts of tourism, including emergency medical services, solid waste disposal, search and rescue activities, law enforcement activities, fire protection services, or otherwise permitted by law?

NOTICE: The passage of this Proposition will not increase Summit County property taxes or rates.

- FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES SALES TAX (YES)
- AGAINST THE EMERGENCY SERVICES SALES TAX (NO)

The arguments for a ballot proposition (see next page) are the opinions of the authors.



BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATIONS

All drop boxes close at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day

Oakley City Hall
Francis City Hall
Henefer City Hall
Summit County Library - Coalville Branch
Summit County Library - Kamas Branch
Summit County Library - Kimball Jct.
Summit County Courthouse
Park City Library
The Market at Park City
People's Health Clinic - Quinn's Jct.
Jeremy Ranch Park and Ride



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2024 VOTER INFORMATION

ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024

- Ballots will be mailed to registered voters on October 15, 2024. Complete and return ballots to a Drop Box Location (listed on back) before 8 p.m. on November 5, 2024. Mailed ballots must be postmarked by November 4, 2024.
- Polls will be open on election day for in-person voting from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- For statewide voter information visit: vote.utah.gov.
- summitcountyutah.gov/elections will have election day and early voting locations, times, and any changes.
- For polling place information or if you need an accommodation, call **435-336-3040** or email elections@summitcountyutah.gov.



Statement of Support SUMMIT COUNTY PROPOSITION “18” EMERGENCY SERVICES

On behalf of Friends of Summit County Search and Rescue (FSCSAR) we would like to express our support of SUMMIT COUNTY PROPOSITION “18” - EMERGENCY SERVICES.

Problem:

Between 2010 and 2022, Summit County population grew at a 1.4% annual growth rate with tourism growing even faster. Tourism sustains the economy of Summit County but it comes at a cost. The 100% volunteer Summit County Search and Rescue (SAR) Team responded to 112 calls in 2023 with 97% of those calls being made by out-of-county residents. It’s clear that the costs associated with search and rescue are costs associated with tourism and not Summit County residents.

Solution:

To be fair to all concerned, the costs associated with SAR calls should be paid for by the persons that are benefiting the most for the SAR service, those being Summit County tourists. Passing Proposition 18 would help to shift the direct costs of tourism impacted services to the tourists that are responsible for the increased demand. Proposition 18 would be funded by a small (1/2 percent) sales tax increase on tourism related business (retail sales, entertainment and recreation sales, restaurant sales, etc.).

SAR is not the only county service that is disproportionately affected by tourism; emergency medical services, law enforcement, fire protection and waste management are all likewise burdened by our ever expanding tourism. Yes, waste management costs are also driven by tourism.

Impact:

Passing Proposition 18 would secure additional funding to pay for the county services most heavily impacted by tourism, provide emergency services funding proportional to tourism growth, and delay/offset increases in our Summit County property taxes.

If Proposition 18 is not passed, property taxes will be raised to fund the tourist related services and that tax will be paid for by **ALL** Summit County residents.

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P.S. Passing Proposition 18 is all the more important with the 2034 Olympics coming to Utah.

**Please Note: no argument against the ballot proposition was filed before the deadline.*

INFORMATION ABOUT THE EMERGENCY SERVICES SALES TAX



Cost to residents?

The Emergency Services Sales Tax is a proposed one-half percent (.005) increase to sales taxes in Summit County (that’s 50 cents on applicable purchases of \$100). **Examples of taxable purchases include:** retail sales of physical or digital goods, paid admission for entertainment and recreational activities, and meals (prepared food and beverage) at restaurants, eateries, catering & other dining options.

What can the funds be used for?

Revenue generated from the Emergency Services Sales Tax could support these emergency services in Summit County.

- Emergency Medical Services
- Search and Rescue
- Law Enforcement
- Fire Protection
- Other vital services impacted by tourism, such as solid waste collection.