

***On Tuesday, April 5th, Moscow Mills voters will be asked to consider the continuation of an existing sales tax on purchases of out-of-state motor vehicles, trailers, boats and outboard motors.***

### *How does the tax affect me?*

The tax only applies to you if you purchase a motor vehicle, trailer, boat or outboard motor from out-of-state. Similar purchases made in-state will be subject to the local sales tax regardless of the vote on this ballot question.

### *Are other cities like Moscow Mills affected?*

Yes. A number of cities across the state will be voting on this issue at various times during 2016. Any city desiring to place this question on its ballot must do so by November 2016.

### *Is there an impact on local dealerships?*

Yes. The existence of the tax creates a level playing field for Missouri dealerships. If the existing tax were to end, Missouri dealerships would be at a competitive disadvantage with out-of-state dealerships which would no longer be required to collect the tax.

## *Questions?*

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**FAQ: Out  
of State  
Vehicle  
Sales Tax**

## *Where do the collections from the tax go?*

Collections of the city's 1.5% sales tax are split between two city funds.

The General Fund receives two thirds of the revenue and the Street Fund receives one-third of the revenue.

## *What is the sales tax about?*

A Missouri Supreme Court Case (Street vs. the Director of Revenue) in 2012, followed by subsequent state legislation (HB 184/SB 182) in 2013, required that cities without a use tax (such as Moscow Mills) must receive voter approval by November 2016 to continue sales tax collections on purchases of out-of-state motor vehicles, trailers, boats and outboard motors.

## *What does a "Yes" or "No" vote mean?*

- A "Yes" vote means that local sales taxes will only be collected on eligible in-state purchases. Local sales tax collections on eligible out-of-state purchases will end and the revenues the City is currently receiving will be lost.
- A "No" vote means the existing tax will continue; no new tax will be implemented.

## *Is this a new tax?*

No. The city has collected this tax for many years. The question is on the ballot only as a result of the Missouri Supreme Court decision and the state legislation that followed. If the question is not placed on the ballot, or if the tax is discontinued by voters, the tax would cease to be collected beginning January 2017.

## *What is the exact ballot language that I will see on Election Day?*

*Shall the City of Moscow Mills discontinue applying and collecting the local sales tax on the titling of motor vehicles, trailers, boats, and outboard motors that were purchased from a source other than a licensed Missouri dealer?*

*Approval of this measure will result in a reduction of local revenue to provide for vital services for the City of Moscow Mills and it will place Missouri dealers of motor vehicles, outboard motors, boats, and trailers at a competitive disadvantage to non-Missouri dealers of motor vehicles, outboard motors, boats, and trailers.*

*[ ] YES [ ] NO*

*If you are in favor of the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "YES".  
If you are opposed to the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "NO".*

## *What impact does the tax have on Moscow Mills revenues?*

The General Fund provides for a number of basic city services such as police, parks, code enforcement, licensing and inspections. The Street Fund funds services such as street and sidewalk improvements/repairs, street lighting, snow removal, street signs, and tree maintenance.

City staff estimates that the budget impact of discontinuing collection of the out-of-state vehicle sales tax is an annual loss of \$8,700 to \$11,800 beginning in 2017. New revenues would have to be identified or services would have to be cut to account for this loss of funding.

## *What is the city's sales tax rate?*

The rate for Moscow Mills is 1.5%.

## *What is the sales taxes rate that I currently pay on a vehicle purchased as a Moscow Mills Resident?*

Currently, any vehicle purchased by a Moscow Mills resident is subject to a 7.975% sales tax (4.225% state tax, 2.25% county tax, 1.5% city sales tax). If the out-of-state vehicle sales tax is discontinued, a resident would be subject to a 6.475% sales tax (4.225% state tax, 2.25% county tax) on a vehicle purchased out-of-state, but would remain subject to a 7.975% sales on a vehicle purchased in-state.