

ATTENTION:

IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

If you are required to provide ID, the back of your official return envelope will include the following: ID REQUIRED PLACE COPY IN RETURN ENVELOPE. If your return envelope includes this statement, place a photocopy of one of the following ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION into the Official Return Envelope. **(Do not place the photocopied identification in the Secrecy Sleeve with your voted ballot.)** Additional postage may be required on the return envelope if you are required to submit a photocopy of your ID.

- A valid Colorado driver's license;
- A valid identification card issued by the Department of Revenue;
- A valid U.S. passport;
- A valid employee identification card with a photograph of the eligible elector issued by any branch, department, agency, or entity of the United States government or of this state, or by any county, municipality, board, authority, or other political subdivision of this state;
- A valid pilot's license issued by the federal aviation administration or other authorized agency of the United States;
- A valid United States military identification card with a photograph of the eligible elector;
- A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, government paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the elector;
- A valid Medicare or Medicaid card issued by the United States Health Care Financing Administration;
- A certified copy of a United States birth certificate for the elector issued in the United States;
- Certified documentation of naturalization;
- A valid student identification card with a photograph of the eligible elector issued by an institution of higher education in Colorado.

Any form of identification that shows the address of the eligible elector shall be considered identification only if the address is in the State of Colorado.



El Paso County

**NOTICE OF ELECTION
TO INCREASE TAXES / TO INCREASE DEBT /
ON A CITIZEN PETITION / ON A REFERRED MEASURE**

THIS PAMPHLET CONTAINS INFORMATION ON BALLOT ISSUES AS REQUIRED BY THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 FOR LOCAL ISSUES.

A "YES" vote on any ballot issue is a vote in favor of changing current law or existing circumstances, and a "NO" vote on any ballot issue is a vote against changing current law or existing circumstances.

**Date: November 3, 2009
Mail Ballot Election**

ELECTION INFORMATION

DESIGNATED BALLOT DROP OFF SITE INFORMATION: You may return your voted ballot by mail or you may hand deliver your ballot to a designated Drop Off Site. Postage of \$.44 will be required to return the November 3, 2009 ballot by mail. Additional postage may be required on the return envelope if you are required to submit a photocopy of your ID. All sites are open weekdays as specified below and 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

REPLACEMENT BALLOT INFORMATION: If you spoil, deface or lose your ballot, you may obtain a replacement ballot, one at a time, not to exceed three ballots in all. You may contact the Election Department to obtain instructions for requesting a replacement ballot by calling (719) 575-VOTE (8683) during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or on Election Day from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

DEADLINE FOR RETURNING BALLOTS: Ballots must be received by the El Paso County Clerk & Recorder's Office by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day in order for your vote to be counted. Ballots received after 7:00 p.m. will not be counted. Postmarks do not count as received.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Contact the Election Department at (719) 575-VOTE (8683) or visit our website at: <http://car.elpasoco.com/election>

**El Paso County Clerk & Recorder's Office
Centennial Hall
200 South Cascade Avenue
(Downtown)
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Mon-Thur
Beginning 10/12/09 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Mon-Fri**

**El Paso County Clerk & Recorder's Office
Chapel Hills Branch
Chapel Hills Mall
(On north side next to JCPenney)
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Mon-Fri**

**EL Paso County Clerk & Recorder's Office
Powers Branch
5650 Industrial Place
(Southeast corner of Powers Blvd. and Airport Rd.)
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Mon-Thur**

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**El Paso County Clerk and Recorder's Office
Election Department
200 South Cascade Avenue
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903**

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ELECTION DATE: November 3, 2009

HOURS: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

ELECTION BY MAIL BALLOT: Mail ballots for the Coordinated Election must be received by the Clerk & Recorder's Office by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

ELECTION OFFICE: El Paso County Clerk & Recorder (Centennial Hall), 200 South Cascade Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

TELEPHONE: (719) 575-VOTE (8683)

INTERNET ADDRESS: <http://car.elpasoco.com/election>

EMAIL ADDRESS: carweb@elpasoco.com

This Notice of Election was prepared in accordance with Section 20 of Article X of the Colorado Constitution and the Colorado Uniform Election Code of 1992, as amended. The information contained in this Notice was prepared by persons required by law to provide summaries of ballot issues and fiscal information. The El Paso County Clerk & Recorder's Office does not warrant, verify or confirm the accuracy or truth of the ballot titles, questions, text, and summaries of comments as presented below, nor is it responsible for errors in spelling, grammar, or punctuation of the materials presented below. For further information or clarification concerning any of the following ballot questions, please contact the respective Designated Election Official as indicated below. This Notice does not contain issues for those jurisdictions conducting separate elections. A separate TABOR Notice will be mailed to the appropriate voters within the jurisdictions conducting an election by mail/poll place. Voters may receive additional materials from other jurisdictions conducting independent elections.

CITY OF FOUNTAIN
QUESTION 2A

Designated Election Official:

Sharon G. Mosley

116 South Main Street

Fountain, Colorado 80817

(719) 322-2001

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE

SHALL CITY OF FOUNTAIN TAXES BE INCREASED \$1,352,000 (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR DOLLAR INCREASE) ANNUALLY AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, SUCH TAX TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY AN AMENDMENT TO THE FOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE TO CONSIST OF A RATE INCREASE IN THE CITY-WIDE SALES TAX OF 0.75% (SEVENTY-FIVE HUNDREDTHS OF ONE PERCENT WHICH REPRESENTS THREE-QUARTERS OF A CENT ON EACH ONE DOLLAR PURCHASE) (AN INCREASE IN THE SALES TAX RATE FROM 3% TO 3.75%) BEGINNING ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2010, WITH A REDUCTION OF SUCH TAX RATE INCREASE TO 0.40% (FORTY HUNDREDTHS OF ONE PERCENT WHICH REPRESENTS FOUR-TENTHS OF A CENT ON EACH ONE DOLLAR PURCHASE) (TO A SALES TAX RATE OF 3.40%) TEN YEARS AFTER THE BEGINNING OF THE TAX FOR TRANSPORTATION FUNDING INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS, TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, TRANSPORTATION MAINTENANCE AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AS FOLLOWS:

- THE 0.35% (THIRTY-FIVE HUNDREDTHS OF ONE PERCENT) PORTION OF THE SALES TAX INCREASE SHALL END TEN YEARS AFTER THE BEGINNING OF THE TAX AND SHALL BE USED TO PAY FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO STREETS INCLUDING PAVING, CURBS, GUTTERS, MEDIANS, SIDEWALKS AND/OR NECESSARY DRAINAGE FACILITIES, TRAFFIC SIGNALS AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:
 - RAILROAD CROSSING HORN QUIET ZONE & SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS
 - DUCKWOOD ROAD/STATE HIGHWAY 85 INTERSECTION & RAILROAD CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS-REPLACES MESA ROAD CROSSING
 - C&S ROAD CONNECTION TO DUCKWOOD ROAD/MESA ROAD
 - COMANCHE VILLAGE/STATE HIGHWAY 85 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS
 - FOUNTAIN MESA ROAD/C&S ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS
 - OHIO AVENUE/JIMMY CAMP ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS
 - CARSON BLVD/STATE HIGHWAY 85 TRAFFIC SIGNAL
 - MONTEREY WAY IMPROVEMENTS-COMANCHE VILLAGE TO C&S ROAD
 - AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT SIDEWALK CORNER RAMP IMPROVEMENTS
 - TRAFFIC CALMING – VARIOUS LOCATIONS:

AND

- THE 0.25% (TWENTY-FIVE HUNDREDTHS OF ONE PERCENT) PORTION OF THE SALES TAX INCREASE SHALL BE USED FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION INCLUDING TRANSIT SERVICES, TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS, AND TRANSIT MAINTENANCE WHICH MAY INCLUDE FIXED-ROUTE BUS SERVICE, EXPRESS BUS SERVICE, OTHER BUS SERVICE, PARATRANSIT SERVICE, DIAL-A-RIDE TRANSIT SERVICE, TRANSIT VEHICLES, TRANSIT EQUIPMENT, AND/OR TRANSIT FACILITIES; AND
- THE 0.15% (FIFTEEN HUNDREDTHS OF ONE PERCENT) PORTION OF THE SALES TAX INCREASE SHALL BE USED TO PAY FOR PUBLIC STREET RESURFACING;

AND SHALL ALL TAX REVENUES GENERATED FROM THE SALES TAX AUTHORIZED HEREIN AND FROM ANY EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT OF SUCH REVENUES CONSTITUTE A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE, AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE REVENUE AND SPENDING LIMITS OF ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

FISCAL YEAR SPENDING INFORMATION:

2009 (ESTIMATED)	\$11,749,840
2008 (ACTUAL)	\$11,733,366
2007 (ACTUAL)	\$11,888,971
2006 (ACTUAL)	\$11,678,302
2005 (ACTUAL)	\$10,199,011

Overall percentage change from 2005-2009:	15.2%
Overall dollar amount change from 2005-2009	\$1,550,829
2010 fiscal year spending without tax increase	\$12,390,120
Estimated maximum dollar amount of tax increase for 2010:	\$1,352,000

Summary of written comments for Ballot Question 2A:

- Ballot Measure 2A asks residents of Fountain to commit ¾ of a cent in sales tax for transportation needs in our City. This equals 75 cents of tax per \$100 taxable purchase. This ¾ of a cent is less than the 1 cent sales tax that is paid by the rest of El Paso County in the Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority; which Fountain is not a member of. The 75 cents will be used to build safety improvements at Railroad Crossings. These improvements will allow the creation of Quiet Zones through Fountain that will eliminate train horns at intersections, just as they were created at Fontaine Boulevard and Main Street in Security and Widefield. The 75 cents will be used to construct \$5.6 million in specific intersection and street-related improvements; just as stated in the ballot question. These improvements will create safer and more convenient traffic flows in our neighborhoods so you spend less time in your car! The 75 cents will be used to install federally-required ADA ramps on sidewalks throughout the entire city; something the federal government could fine the City if not addressed. The 75 cents will be used to improve safety by installing traffic-slowing improvements on streets in residential neighborhoods where dangerous speeding is occurring. The 75 cents will be used to continue public transit/bus service for residents who need it to get to their jobs and appointments so they can continue to contribute to our community. Finally, the 75 cents will be used to fill potholes, overlay our current streets and improve the quality of our street maintenance; something that everyone can appreciate.
- After 10 years, the amount will drop to 40 cents on \$100 after the specific intersection and street improvements are complete. State-required audits will ensure that 100% of the tax revenue will go directly on the transportation improvements that benefit all of us.
- 75 cents on \$100 does not seem like much, but this small amount would have a significant positive impact on the quality of life in our community for years to come.
- A vote YES on 2A is a vote to eliminate train horns, to improve the safety of our streets, and to support a more sustainable transportation system for our community and generations to come.

Please vote YES on 2A.

Summary of written comments against Ballot Question 2A:

- This \$1.352 million tax increase is FOREVER. They promise a lower increase after 10 years, but it's still a permanent tax hike. For one-time projects? Note NO on 2A.
- Study their five-year spending history. Isn't that enough? Has your income risen that fast?
- You already pay \$70 million yearly for countywide road work, which is misspent. Don't expect better spending with this tax hike. Haven't you seen idle road crews standing around?
- Why are government salaries higher than for taxpayers? About 75% of the city budget goes for salaries; the basics should not cost extra.
- Are you sure this is a good cause for raising taxes? Even so, is there other city spending you dislike? If so, voting "NO" is the only way to force them to change budget priorities. Fountain should focus on the basics. Here's how to object to raising city salaries and expanding bureaucracy.
- Their revenue can grow automatically every year by inflation plus local growth. Why should it grow faster? The city needs to share the economic pain. Live on a budget, not a blank check.
- We must make the hard choices the city won't. Raising taxes will further hurt our falling economy. Is this form of tax fair? Higher taxes hurt people on fixed incomes, particularly senior citizens. Colorado recently had the 6th highest local taxes and 2nd highest local sales taxes. Isn't that enough?
- Higher taxes take money out of circulation. Prices go up to offset higher taxes. Business lays off workers and cut paychecks because of higher taxes and lower demand from consumers, who also have less money. Taxes are almost 50% of income now; saving one tax dollar is like a \$2 pay raise.
- Are there too many administrators? Can surplus assets be sold? Have they considered all alternatives? We need to practice "tough love," not just hand them our wallets.
- Who can spend your hard-earned money better—you or some bureaucrat? Reject tax and spending increases like 2A that lack accountability and guaranteed performance. If politicians break their promise on where it's spent, you still pay this tax forever.
- Consumers won't shop in Fountain if sales taxes increase. Colorado Springs is 2.5%; this increase will have Fountain's rate 3.75% (50% higher). Don't kill local business.
- There is no price tag connected to the listed projects—no proof that this amount is not too much.
- Car registration fees more than doubled this year, supposedly for roadwork. The 1% sales tax was for roadwork. This is just a come-on to spend more money. It can free up existing city spending on roads to go elsewhere by diverting the old money. There is no guarantee of ADDED spending.
- Buses benefit only 1% of citizens. Why should taxpayers subsidize wasteful, empty buses forever with one-third of this tax increase?
- Had enough? Want budget reform? Protect your family budget.

Vote "NO" on issue 2A.