

## VOTE BY MAIL

Ballots will be mailed to registered voters on Oct 15, 2019. To vote, simply complete the ballot, sign the affidavit on the envelope, and drop the envelope in the mail. Ballots must be postmarked no later than Monday, Nov 4, 2019. Registered voters may also submit the ballot in person either at the Vineyard City Office during office hours, or at any Election Service Center in Utah County. Ballots must be submitted no later than 8:00 PM on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov 5, 2019.

## RANKED CHOICE VOTING

On Dec 2, 2018, the Vineyard City Council voted to participate in the state's Municipal Alternate Voting Methods pilot project for the 2019 Municipal Elections. This voting method is better known as ranked choice voting. Ranked choice voting allows voters to rank as many or as few candidates as they want, in order of choice. For more information, go to [www.VineyardVotes.com](http://www.VineyardVotes.com).

## REGISTER TO VOTE

Residents who are not registered to vote may register in one of the following ways:

1. Mail a registration form to the Utah County Clerk's Office (Deadline: Oct 7, 2019)
2. Register in person at the Utah County Clerk's Office, located at 100 East Center Street, Room 3100, Provo, UT (Deadline: Oct 29, 2019)
3. Online Voter Registration is available at [www.vote.utah.gov](http://www.vote.utah.gov). (Deadline: Oct 29, 2019)

For more information about voter registration, visit [vote.utah.gov](http://vote.utah.gov).

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MAIL-IN BALLOTS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2019

# VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET

## GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

OPEN FOR IMPORTANT  
INFORMATION REGARDING  
THE PROPOSED

**RECREATION, ARTS,  
& PARKS (RAP) TAX**

PROPOSITION #2



**VINEYARD**  
STAY CONNECTED

## FAQ

### WHAT IS THE RAP TAX?

RAP stands for Recreation, Arts, & Parks. A RAP Tax is a sales tax that is added to the regular sales tax. Revenues generated from a RAP tax are reserved for specific projects including: Parks, Cultural Arts Programs, and Recreation Programs. The RAP Tax is 0.1%. This would increase the sales tax rate from 7.15% to 7.25%. This equals 1 penny for every \$10 spent.

### WHAT COULD THE RAP TAX FUNDS BE USED FOR?

Projects eligible for RAP Tax funding must fall under one of the categories listed in the ballot language. The City has a variety of projects that could be funded by the RAP Tax. The City council may budget each year for approved expenditures or hold the funding for multiple years to construct larger projects.

### HOW MUCH FUNDING IS EXPECTED & HOW LONG WILL IT BE AVAILABLE?

Based on sales tax revenues provided by the Utah State Tax Commission, a RAP tax in Vineyard would have generated \$56,000 in 2018 and \$70,000 in 2019. After 10 years, by state law the RAP Tax automatically sunsets and goes away unless approved again by Vineyard residents.

### WHO PAYS THE RAP TAX?

Anyone who makes a qualifying purchase in Vineyard City pays the tax, regardless of place of residency.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit [www.vineyardutah.org](http://www.vineyardutah.org) or call or email City Recorder/Election Officer Pamela Spencer at 385.236.3865 or [pams@vineyardutah.org](mailto:pams@vineyardutah.org).

## TITLE AND BALLOT LANGUAGE

### RECREATION, ARTS, AND PARKS (RAP) TAX

## PROPOSITION #2

Shall Vineyard, Utah, be authorized to impose a .1% sales and use tax to help fund recreational amenities, park facilities, and cultural arts facilities and organizations in Vineyard?

Funding may be used for capital improvements and operations of publicly owned/operated amenities such as, but not limited to:

- Parks
- Playing fields/courts
- Splash pads
- Performing Arts Center
- Trails/Bike paths

Funding may be used to support municipal or non-profit organizations providing programs such as, but not limited to:

- Youth Groups
- Museums
- Theater groups
- Festivals
- Heritage

**VOTE FOR ONE:**      \_\_\_\_\_ **“FOR” THE RAP TAX**      \_\_\_\_\_ **“AGAINST” THE RAP TAX**

### ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST THE RAP TAX

Vineyard City has a wonderful heritage and we believe recreation, arts, and parks (RAP) are integral parts to that heritage as we continue to grow. With the beautiful parks we have such as Gammon Park and Vineyard Grove Park along with the growing trail system along with a growth within our recreation program we see these areas as a part of our heritage. They create opportunities for families and residents to interact and recreate and create lasting memories. As the community continues to grow we see the needs of our residents within recreation, arts, and parks (RAP) will also continue to grow at a rapid pace. To keep pace with this growth and with the intent to provide well maintained parks/trails, cultural activities, and meaningful recreation programs the Vineyard City Council unanimously approved placing a Proposition on the ballot, which would enact a Recreation, Arts & Parks (RAP) Tax in Vineyard City.

The RAP Tax is a sales tax, NOT a property tax, and would be paid at the point of purchase for all sales-tax eligible purchase in Vineyard City. The RAP Tax would be an increase of 0.1% to the sales tax rate, increasing from 7.15% to 7.25%. This equates to 1 penny for every \$10 spent. All funds generated by the RAP Tax could only be used to either expand or supplement RAP offerings in Vineyard City.

Since it is a sales tax, Vineyard residents will not be the only ones who pay the RAP Tax. Anyone who shops in Vineyard City will be required to pay the tax.

This is very important for our city considering how Vineyard is centrally located within Utah County and is poised to have great retail development growth in the near future on top of our local area attractions that are currently pulling in residents from neighboring cities.

RAP Taxes are not new to the state or county. If you currently shop in Provo, Orem, American Fork, Spanish Fork, Washington County (St. George) or Salt Lake County, you are currently paying the RAP Tax and helping fund recreation, arts, and parks in those communities.

The RAP Tax will help Vineyard City to do more than what has been currently offered in our city and will help to keep up with prudent replacement and maintenance of existing parks/trails/etc.

We unanimously support the RAP Tax Proposition. We are confident that Vineyard will keep and expound on its exceptional heritage with the benefits that will be reaped from this RAP Tax.

Vineyard City Council

Mayor Julie Fullmer  
Councilmembers John Earnest, Tyce Flake, Chris Judd,  
and Nate Riley

### ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE RAP TAX

No arguments against the RAP Tax were submitted.