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City of Hailey

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Message from the Mayor

Vote by Mail on Hailey's Local Option Tax Question on May Ballot

We have experienced unprecedented times under Covid-19, with so many elements of our lives changing, including our priorities and our communication methods. Even our voting method must change, but it remains important that all Hailey residents vote. The May election ballot contains an important Hailey ballot question about extending Hailey's Local Option Tax.

QUESTION: Shall the City of Hailey, Idaho adopt an extension to its local option tax with Hailey Ordinance No. 1257?

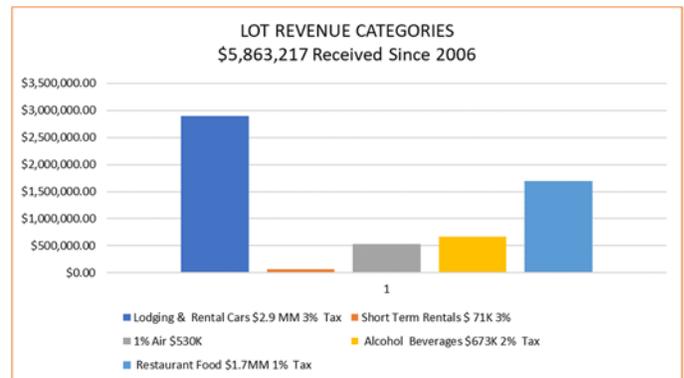
Ordinance No. 1257 provides for the imposition, implementation and collection of non-property taxes for a period of thirty (30) years from its effective date, at the rate of three percent (3%) on the rental of passenger vehicles and hotel-motel room occupancy, two percent (2%) on retail sale of liquor by-the-drink, wine and beer, and one percent (1%) on the retail sale of restaurant food?

The purposes for which the revenues derived from said taxes shall be used are:

- (A) Emergency services (rapid response, life saving, traffic enforcement, training, staffing, equipment, vehicles, etc.).
- (B) Maintenance, improvement and acquisition of parks.
- (C) Road repair, transportation enhancements and snow removal.

- (D) City promotion, visitor information, special events and economic development.
- (E) Town improvements (library modernization, sidewalks, town square, etc.).
- (F) Public transit and related improvements.
- (G) Direct cost to administer and enforce this ordinance.

Hailey's Local Option Tax, when implemented in 2006, increased the city's revenue by 10% and diversified the sources of revenue for city services. After 13 years, Hailey's Local Option Tax has brought nearly \$6 million to the City of Hailey.



How to Vote

To vote in the May 19 primary, Idahoans MUST REQUEST their ballot from their county clerk or online through the Secretary of State's website by May 19. Once the ballot arrives at their home, voters simply fill it out and mail it back using the pre-addressed envelope. Voters need not wait until May 19 to request their ballot or to vote. Ballots can be requested on-line at <https://idahovotes.gov/absentee-request/> Voters can also request a ballot by simply emailing their request to: election@blainecounty.org or call 208-788-5510.

Hailey Public Library May Events

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May 1, 2020 - Opening Limited Services

Hailey Public Library is opening with limited services starting Friday, May 1, 2020. . We will be open Monday through Friday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM for picking up items placed on hold via our online catalog or over the phone. Returns will still be accepted during opening hours in the drop box only.

For more information visit

<https://haileypubliclibrary.org/hailey-public-library-limited-services/>

Tuesday, May 12, 5:30 PM via Zoom

Join us on Zoom for a virtual book club on 'The Lager Queen of Minnesota' by J Ryan Stradal. A talented baker running a business out of her nursing home reconnects with her master brewer sister at the same time her pregnant granddaughter launches an IPA brewpub.



RSVP here: <https://forms.gle/xtTXgcfnEMbFvDMh6>

Thursday, May 14, 5:30-7:00 pm via Zoom

Resumes that Work with Susan Fierman, The Advocates' Skills for Success Program Director. Recruiters take 6 seconds or less looking at your resume. Learn how to make yours stand out in this free class. RSVP at Kristin.fletcher@haileypubliclibrary.org.

Wednesday, May 20, 5:30 – 6:30 pm via Zoom

Our Place in the Universe with Tim Frazier, past president of the Magic Valley Astronomical Society. Using stories and images, Frazer examines the location of the Earth in the Milky Way Galaxy, where our galaxy is in the universe, and why it matters. RSVP at Kristin.fletcher@haileypubliclibrary.org.

Hailey's Local Option Tax Question

Ordinance 1257 is described largely on the previous page. Additionally, the ordinance provides for the imposition and collection of

- an additional one percent (1%) tax on the total amount charged for rental use or temporary occupancy of a room or living unit in a hotel or motel, and
- an additional one percent (1%) tax on the total amount charged for rental use of a rental vehicle. The purposes for which the revenues derived from the one percent (1%) of each of said taxes shall be used, pursuant to a joint powers agreement, are as follows:
 - a) maintaining and increasing commercial air service to Friedman Memorial Airport through the use of Minimum Revenue Guarantees or other inducements to providers;
 - b) promoting and marketing the existing service and any future service to increase passengers;
 - c) for all ancillary costs which are associated with the ongoing effort to maintain and increase commercial air service, including reasonable program management costs and busing due to flight diversion(s); and
 - d) direct costs to collect and enforce the tax, including administrative and legal fees.

Meeting Calendar

City Council.....	05/04/2020
City Council.....	05/05/2020
City Council.....	05/11/2020
City Council.....	05/26/2020
Planning & Zoning	05/04/2020
Planning & Zoning	05/18/2020



Reduce Waste and make your own Soil-amending Compost!

Adding nutrient-rich humus compost to your garden aids plant growth, adds beneficial micro-organisms to the soil and helps the soil retain moisture. It also can reduce the amount of trash you generate by an up to 30%!



There are various composting methods, but virtually all depend on mixing brown materials (carbon) and green materials (nitrogen) materials, adding water, allowing it all to heat up, and providing oxygen periodically by “turning” the compost. A simple rule of thumb is to use about 1/3 green to 2/3 brown material in layers.

Examples of “green” materials:

- Lawn clippings
- Weeds (without seeds)
- Flowers, cuttings
- Fruit and vegetable scraps
- Tea
- Coffee grounds
- Chicken manure

Examples of “brown” materials:

- Dry leaves
- Wood ash
- Small wood chips (use sparingly)
- Straw (no seeds)
- Shredded newspaper
- Shredded printer paper (no glossy or colored ink)
- Shredded cardboard
- Clean sawdust

What should NOT be put into the compost?

- NO meat, bones or fish scraps unless you are using a composter specifically designed for this purpose
- NO oily or fatty food, such as cheese or other dairy products
- NO perennial weeds or diseased plants
- NO pet manures
- NO fruit skins containing pesticide residues, such as banana, peach and orange
- NO black walnut leaves (poisonous)
- NO wood chips or sawdust from stained or painted material

Simple compost pile instructions:

1. Start the pile on bare earth to allow worms and other beneficial organisms to access the compost from below.
2. Place a layer of sticks, 2 – 3" deep, on the ground to provide drainage and to help aerate the pile.
3. Add compost in 1/3 green and 2/3 brown layers.
4. Add some finished compost or manure occasionally to help speed up the process.
5. Keep compost moist, but don't overwater.
6. Cover to retain moisture and heat.
7. Turn every few weeks with a pitchfork or shovel to aerate the pile.
8. Once you've established your compost pile, you can add new materials by mixing them in, rather than by adding them in layers.
9. When fully composted, the pile will no longer give off heat, and you can add it to your garden as mulch or a soil additive.

Link to EPA website on composting: <https://www.epa.gov/recycle/composting-home>

More sophisticated composting systems, such as a rotating tumbler, can make aeration easier and speed up the process. Another type of composting is a worm bin:

<https://www.epa.gov/recycle/how-create-and-maintain-indoor-worm-composting-bin>.

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