

Information and Public Meeting for Potential Parks, Arts, Recreation, And Culture (PARC) Tax

What is the PARC Tax?

The PARC Tax would be a 0.1% sales tax which is one-tenth (1/10) of 1%. This means \$0.01 for every \$10 spent. The tax would be included on sales and use purchases in Alpine City limits. It is not a property tax.

What could the PARC Tax funds be used for?

State code and the City Council limited the Parks Tax use to only parks, trails, open space, arts, recreation, and cultural organizations and facilities and their amenities such as playgrounds, benches, hiking/biking trails, pavilions, cultural activities, visual arts, literacy programs, etc. State law prohibits the use of the Parks Tax for any other purpose, including general administrative expenses.

How much funding is expected from the PARC Tax and how long will it be available?

Based on previous sales tax numbers, staff is estimating \$100,000 of funding would come from the PARC Tax. By state law, the Parks Tax would automatically sunset in 10 years unless it was again voted on by the Alpine City Council and approved by Alpine voters.

Who pays the PARC Tax?

Anyone who makes a qualified purchase in Alpine City would pay the tax, regardless of where they live. Additional funds are provided by the state RAP tax funding pool that distributes resources to municipalities that use this tax based on their population proportion in the state.

Is this a common tax?

This type of tax can go by different names including RAP, PARC, ZAP, etc. depending on how that community uses it's funds. Many neighboring communities have this type of tax already including Highland and Salt Lake County. If the tax exists in a different City you shop in, you're already paying it for another City.

Arguments submitted

Arguments in Favor	Arguments in Opposition
No arguments in favor were submitted	As usual governments big and small desire to separate us from our hard earned money. The whole of Alpine residents get to foot the bill, for a small number of actual users of the proposed tax to fund recreational, cultural zoological and botanical services. Maybe someone in the city council would be willing to step forward and offer more details about what this actually is. Do we have a zoo that I don't know about? The question is who really benefits? Those who use or want these services should also be the ones to pay for them, this should not be subsidized by the City of Alpine! Also, proposed temporary taxes never seem to be temporary. At least in my life time I have never seen taxes go back to the way they were, you know, something always comes up.

Public Meeting Information

Alpine City will hold an informational meeting for staff to present the facts of the act that will be on the November ballot and allow equal public input and discussion on potential uses and ideas for funding if this measure passes. This meeting will be **Tuesday, October 11th at 6:00 pm at Alpine City Hall 20 N Main St before City Council meeting.**