

Non-Home Rule Sales Tax Referendum – Frequently Asked Questions

What is non-home rule sales tax?

The City of Carlyle is a non-home rule municipality (population under 25,000). A non-home rule municipality may impose a sales tax on certain retail merchandise sold within the corporate limits for the purpose of public infrastructure or property tax relief.

Are there kinds of sales that are *not* subject to this tax?

Yes, non-home rule sales tax **does not** apply to the sales of

- tangible personal property that is titled or registered with an Illinois state agency, (e.g., cars, trucks, boats, motorcycles, trailers, snowmobiles, aircraft), and
- Qualifying Foods, prescription and non-prescription medicines, drugs, and medical supplies.

Is voter approval required before implementation?

Yes, voter approval is required.

What tax rate can be imposed?

Non-home rule sales tax may be imposed only in ¼ percent increments and may not be imposed for more than 1 percent.

Will this impact property taxes?

No, this proposed referendum will not impact property tax in any form in the City of Carlyle.

What is the proposed tax rate?

Voters will be asked to approve a rate of 7.25%. This amounts to an additional 50 cents for every \$100.00 spent.

How much revenue will the non-home rule sales tax generate?

If voters approve an increase to 7.25%, this amount will generate estimated \$250,000- \$260,000 annually.

What does the City intend to do with additional revenue?

The City intends to use the additional revenue from the non-home rule sales tax on Parks and Recreation Improvements along with other City Capital Improvements. These improvements include the replacement of the City Swimming Pool and the items identified in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan developed in 2021.

