IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE PROPOSED RECREATION, ARTS, & PARKS (RAP) TAX

Mail-in ballots must be postmarked by Monday, November 2, 2020.

VOTE BY MAIL

All voting is by mail-in ballot. Ballots will be mailed to registered voters on Oct. 13, 2020. 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. 2, 2020.

Registered voters may also vote in-person or submit their ballot at the Grand County Clerk’s Office at 125 E. Center Street on Oct. 28, Oct. 29, Oct. 30, and Nov. 2 from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Ballot drop off and in-person voting may be done at the Grand County Clerk’s Office on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020, from 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Ballots may be placed in the drop box at the West Entrance of the Courthouse, by the Grand County Clerk’s Office, from Oct. 19 through Oct. 30, 2020. Weather permitting, the drop box will be located on the front lawn of the Grand County Courthouse from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Nov. 2 and from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day, Nov. 3.

REGISTER TO VOTE

Residents may register to vote in one of the following ways:

1. Register in person:
   Grand County Clerk’s Office,
   125 E. Center Street, Moab, Utah

2. Mail a registration form to:
   Grand County Clerk’s Office,
   125 E. Center Street, Moab, UT 84532

3. Register online through the state’s secure site at voter.utah.gov
   (Registration Deadline: Oct. 23, 2020)

   For more information about voter registration or to verify your registration status, visit voteinfo.utah.gov

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Visit grandcountyutah.net/612/Elections for election details; go to moabcity.org/Proposition8 for additional information about the RAP Tax; or call the Grand County Clerk’s Office at 435-259-1321.

VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET

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Proposition #8
ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST THE RAP TAX

ARGUMENTS FOR THE RAP TAX

Parks, recreation, and arts are valued and cherished aspects of the daily lives of Moab’s citizens. Each provides opportunities for children, individuals, families, and seniors to build relationships and community as well as spur creativity, health and wellbeing. The City of Moab has a long history of creating open space, parks, developing youth and adult sports programming, and providing arts and recreation facilities for the benefit of our valley’s residents as well as for our visitors.

To maintain these programs, as well as to add new possibilities for local residents, the Moab City Council voted unanimously to place Proposition 8 on the November 3rd ballot, which will create a funding mechanism needed for our programs and activities in Moab. This is called the Recreation, Arts, and Parks (RAP) tax. This would only increase our sales tax rate by one-tenth of one percent (0.1%), which amounts to one penny for every $10 spent downtown at a local shop, a restaurant, or for an overnight accommodation. Unprepared food and gasoline are EXEMPT from this tax.

Prop 8 could raise between $300-400k in funds each year for our parks, recreation, and arts, and the vast majority would be raised from visitor purchases...as our visitors enjoy many of our amenities.

Why is the City Council looking at this tax now? For many years, the City’s programs and facilities including the Moab Recreation and Aquatics Center (MRAC), youth sports, and the Moab Arts and Recreation Center (MARC) have been heavily subsidized by the general fund totaling almost $1 million annually. Prop 8 would offset this subsidy for 10 years and would only be renewed with voter approval.

What Prop 8 isn’t – Prop 8 is NOT a property tax! As a reminder, Moab City is one of the only cities in our state that does not levy a property tax. The property tax you pay goes directly to Grand County and is not shared with Moab City.

Residents of the City of Moab will have the opportunity to give feedback and input on how these funds are distributed. Every spring, the City Council goes through a budget process. Residents have the opportunity to provide the City Council with feedback, and the City Council will make the final decision on Prop 8 spending. This fund will be ours to spend based on our community’s needs and priorities for our parks, recreation, and arts.

Proposition 8 will be on your November ballot. We encourage everyone to stay engaged and vote on Election Day!

Mayor Emily Niehaus and the Moab City Council

ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE RAP TAX

No arguments against the RAP Tax were submitted. The arguments for or against a ballot proposition are the opinions of the authors.