# Clear Creek County

**BRENDA L. CORBETT**
**COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER**
**405 ARGENTINE ST, PO BOX 2000**
**GEORGETOWN, CO 80444**

# 2022 GENERAL ELECTION

**This Election will be a Mail Ballot Election.**
**There will be one (1) Voter Service and Polling Center**

**Election Day is November 8, 2022**

**TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS**

# NOTICE OF ELECTION

ON A REFERRED MEASURE

***THIS IS NOT A BALLOT***

THIS PAMPHLET CONTAINS SUMMARY STATEMENTS FOR BALLOT PROPOSITIONS AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF COLORADO CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE X, SECTION 20.

"A 'YES' VOTE ON ANY BALLOT ISSUE IS A VOTE IN FAVOR OF CHANGING CURRENT LAW OR EXISTING CIRCUMSTANCES, AND A 'NO' VOTE ON ANY BALLOT ISSUE IS A VOTE AGAINST CHANGING CURRENT LAW OR EXISTING CIRCUMSTANCE."

## YOUR LOCAL ELECTION OFFICE IS:

**CLEAR CREEK COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER**
Clear Creek County Courthouse

**OFFICE HOURS 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM**
**405 Argentine St., PO Box 2000**
**Georgetown, CO 80444**
**PH: (303) 679-2339**
**FAX: (303) 679-2416**

Web Site: www.clearcreekcounty.us
Email Address: clerk@clearcreekcounty.us

## VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER

**Obtain a replacement ballot, vote in person, drop-off your voted ballot or register to vote at the following location:**

**Clear Creek County Courthouse**
Clerk & Recorder's Office
405 Argentine St.
Georgetown, CO 80444-2000

Monday – Friday, October 24 – November 7, 2022
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Saturdays – October 29 and November 5, 2022
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Election Day – November 8, 2022
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

### 24 Hour Ballot Drop-Box Locations

Open October 17, 2022 through November 8, 2022 at 7 pm.

24-hour monitored mail ballot drop boxes are located at the following locations:

- **Clear Creek County Courthouse**
  405 Argentine St., Georgetown
- **Centura Health Clinic** ***~ NEW LOCATION~***
  1969 Miner St., Idaho Springs
- **Clear Creek High School**
  185 Beaver Brook Canyon Rd, Evergreen
- **Evergreen Library**
  5000 Hwy. 73, Evergreen
- **Buchanan Park Recreation Center**
  32003 Ellingwood Trail, Evergreen

**The 2022 General Election will be conducted as a mail ballot election.**

Mail Ballots will be sent to each "Active" voter in Clear Creek County in the applicable jurisdiction(s). We will begin mailing ballots out the week of October 17, 2022. If you do not receive a ballot – please call the Clear Creek County Election Office at (303) 679-2339. Deadline for receipt of voted ballots is 7:00 PM, November 8, 2022. Postmarks *do not* count as receipt.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

This voter information pamphlet contains referendum and/or initiatives appearing on your 2022 General Election Ballot. The mailing and content of this notice is mandated by an amendment to Article X, Section 20 (the TABOR Amendment) of the Colorado Constitution.

The political subdivision providing this Voter's Information Notice does not warrant the accuracy or truth of any statement made in the summaries, nor is it responsible for errors in spelling, grammar, or punctuation of submitted statements.

Receipt of this voters' information pamphlet does not necessarily mean that every resident of your household is eligible to vote. You may not be eligible to vote on all issues presented.

If you have questions concerning voting procedures, drop box locations, or your eligibility to vote, refer initially to the information provided in this notice. Further details may be obtained by contacting your local election office listed below.

### TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

### TOWN OF GEORGETOWN

### NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES

**Election Date**: Tuesday, November 8, 2022
**Election Hours**: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Designated Election Official:**
Jennifer Yobski, Town Clerk
PO Box 426, Georgetown, CO 80444-0426
(303)569-2555 ext. 2

### BALLOT MEASURE 2A

SHALL TOWN OF GEORGETOWN TAXES BE INCREASED $225,000 IN THE FIRST FISCAL YEAR (2023) AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY IN EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR, THROUGH A TWO PERCENT (2%) TOWN SALES TAX ON LODGING SERVICES, COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2023, THE REVENUES FROM SUCH TAX TO BE USED SOLELY FOR SUPPORT OF THE

ACTIVITIES OF THE TOWN'S BUSINESS PROMOTION COMMISSION, ORGANIZATION, PROMOTION, MARKETING AND MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC EVENTS, ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF BUSINESS RECRUITMENT, MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT, COORDINATING TOURISM PROMOTION ACTIVITIES, HOUSING AND CHILDCARE FOR THE TOURISM-RELATED WORKFORCE, INCLUDING SEASONAL WORKERS AND FOR OTHER WORKERS IN THE COMMUNITY, FACILITATING AND ENHANCING VISITOR EXPERIENCES, INCLUDING EXTENDED SEASONAL MAINTENANCE AND USE OF THE GUANELLA PASS SCENIC BYWAY, CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FOR HOUSING AND CHILDCARE FOR THE TOURISM-RELATED WORKFORCE, INCLUDING SEASONAL WORKERS AND FOR OTHER WORKERS IN THE COMMUNITY, AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURES RELATED TO FACILITATING AND ENHANCING VISITOR EXPERIENCES, AND SHALL ALL REVENUES GENERATED FROM THE SALES TAX AUTHORIZED HEREBY AND FROM ANY EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT OF SUCH REVENUES CONSTITUTE A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND EXCEPTION TO THE REVENUE AND SPENDING LIMITS OF ARTICLE X SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

YES/FOR NO/AGAINST

**Actual historical and current estimated fiscal year spending information:**

| Fiscal Year | Total Expenditures |
|---|---|
| 2022 Estimated budget | $ 2,889,392 |
| 2021 (Actual) | $ 2,133,326 |
| 2020 (Actual) | $ 1,834,761 |
| 2019 (Actual) | $ 2,735,787 |
| 2018 (Actual) | $ 1,816,929 |

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending over the four year period from 2018 through 2021: 14.831 + %

Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending over the four year period from 2018 through 2021: $ 316,397

Estimate of 2022 fiscal year spending without the proposed tax increase: $ 2,889,392

Estimate of the maximum dollar amount of the proposed tax increase for the fiscal year (2023) $ 225,000

**Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 2A:**

This Lodging Tax is NOT an increase but replaces the current 2% Lodging Tax that is currently collected by the County. This Tax will be paid by tourists and other visitors staying in our hotels, motels, B&B's and short-term rentals. The Town of Georgetown will collect and allocate this money to its Tourism, Marketing and Events in addition to providing funding to workforce housing programs, and childcare for residents employed in tourism supported businesses. This tax will support a full time Marketing and Events Manager position. This tax is already applied to visitors who utilize these services and currently those revenues are allocated to Clear Creek County. A yes vote would reallocate those funds from the County to the Town of Georgetown.

This reallocation of these funds from the county treasury to Town of Georgetown will allow the Town to explore sponsored events at the Lake and work towards extending the seasonal access of the Guanella Pass Scenic Byway. Additionally, these funds will also support events geared towards residents and business operators and the exploration of local affordable housing and workforce childcare options.

Our Town is built on the small business operator. These funds will be used to further recruit and develop the opportunities for more small business owners to become entrepreneurs in our downtown historic district or other commercial areas as developed. These small business operators, including our restaurants, breweries, and merchants employ our residents. Our residents will benefit from future opportunities that the Town can develop such as workforce housing and childcare opportunities for those who are so important to us to maintain our local businesses as we rely on tourists and guests to support those business operations.

The Town recognizes the needs of our community and our residents and will strive to develop housing and childcare programs so that our businesses continue to thrive and our local employees are able to maintain a reasonable lifestyle. The Town of Georgetown will apply these revenues in meaningful ways to enhance the quality of life for residents while still supporting tourism related marketing and activates that keep our local economy vibrant and healthy.

**Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 2A:**

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

**TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS**

**CITY OF IDAHO SPRINGS**

**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES**

**Election Date**: Tuesday, November 8, 2022
**Election Hours**: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Designated Election Official:**
Diane Breece, City Clerk
PO Box 907, Idaho Springs, CO 80452-0907
(303)567-4421

## BALLOT MEASURE 2B

SHALL CITY OF IDAHO SPRINGS TAXES BE INCREASED $ 900,000 IN 2023 (THE FIRST FISCAL YEAR OF SUCH RATE INCREASE) AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY IN EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR, THROUGH A ONE PERCENT (1.0 %) INCREASE IN THE CITY SALES TAX RATE, COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2023, THE REVENUES FROM SUCH ONE PERCENT (1.0 %) INCREASE TO BE USED SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSES OF FUNDING WATER AND WASTEWATER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND REDUCING THE IMPACTS OF POTENTIAL FUTURE RATE INCREASES TO CUSTOMERS, AND SHALL ALL SUCH TAX REVENUES BE COLLECTED, RETAINED AND SPENT AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY SPENDING, REVENUE-RAISING, OR OTHER LIMITATION CONTAINED WITHIN THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

YES/FOR NO/AGAINST

**Actual historical and current estimated fiscal year spending information:**

| Fiscal Year | Total Expenditures |
|---|---|
| 2022 (estimated) | $ 9,849,274 |
| 2021 (actual) | $ 4,472,882 |
| 2020 (actual) | $ 8,169,197 |
| 2019 (actual) | $ 13,699,236 |
| 2018 (actual) | $ 19,649,962 |

- The overall dollar change in fiscal year spending, from 2018-2022, is a $9,800,688 decrease
- The overall percentage change in fiscal year spending, from 2018-2022, is a 50.12% decrease
- The estimated dollar amount of the tax increase revenue for 2023 is $900,000
- The estimated City fiscal year spending in 2023 without the tax increase is $10,834,201

**Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 2B:**

- Without sales tax support, customer water/wastewater bills over the next decade will need to increase substantially to support critical elements of the water and wastewater Capital Improvement Plan. These capital improvement projects are necessary for the health and life safety of our citizens and to remain in compliance with clean water laws.
- With passage of the sales tax increase and assuming that tax receipts are equal to or exceed predictions, residential customer bills will need to increase approximately 22.5% or an average of 2.25 % per year, from an average of $211 bi-monthly in 2022 to $256 bi-monthly in 2030. Absent the additional sales tax funding as proposed, required increases are predicted to be approximately 77.5% or an average of 7.75% per year, from an average of $237 bi-monthly in 2022 to $371 in 2030.
- It is not uncommon for mountain/tourist communities to ask visitors to help supplement investments in local priorities. With a tourist-based economy, the costs of infrastructure investment will be shared by a larger pool of individuals, thus reducing the per person cost to a far more manageable level. The increase in sales tax burden placed on residents will be minimal, nearly negligible.
- The City enjoys its position at the gateway to the mountains on I-70, with many visitors and tourists. These individuals are unlikely to have any price sensitivity to the local tax rate, which even after passage will remain fairly modest.
- Using sales tax to fund infrastructure provides revenue growth that does not require growth of the user, or customer base.
- Reduced increases in water/sewer bills made possible by the passage of this sales tax will reduce the effective rate for vulnerable populations such as low-income residents and seniors.
- Cash funded infrastructure does not require interest payments and is therefore less expensive. Passage of the sales tax will allow the city to cash fund more of its water/sewer projects while also continuing to pursue grants and low-interest loans.

**Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 2B:**

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

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**ATTEST: THE FOREGOING BALLOT ISSUE NOTICE IS COMPLETE AS SUBMITTED BY THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.**

**Brenda L. Corbett, Clear Creek County Clerk and Recorder**

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CLEAR CREEK COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER
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GEORGETOWN, CO 80444-2000
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# OFFICIAL ELECTION MATERIAL

**FOR ALL REGISTERED VOTERS IN THIS HOUSEHOLD:**

**THIS NOTICE IS MAILED TO EACH ADDRESS WITH ONE OR MORE ACTIVE, REGISTERED ELECTORS. YOU MAY NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ON ALL ISSUES PRESENTED.**

**POSTMASTER, DELIVER TO**

# Notice of Election

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**Mail Ballots must be returned to the County Clerk's Office by 7:00 PM on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 to be counted.**

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