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Osage Beach General Municipal Election April 4, 2023

Osage Beach, MO – Our general municipal election day is approaching and the last day for candidate filing has passed, the following are the candidates who have filed for the Board of Aldermen for the City of Osage Beach:

- John Robert ‘Bob’ O’Steen (Incumbent) - Alderman Ward I
- Tyler Becker (Incumbent) - Alderman Ward II
- Justin Hoffman – Alderman Ward II
- Richard Ross (Incumbent) - Alderman Ward III

In addition, on April 4, 2023, the voters will decide if recreational (adult-use) marijuana sold in Osage Beach should be charged a 3% sales tax. A fact sheet regarding *Recreational Marijuana Tax* is enclosed.

Election Day is Tuesday, April 4, 2023, from 6:00 AM – 7:00 PM. Voting takes place at one of the following Osage Beach Polling Locations for City of Osage Beach registered voters:

- Camden County Ballot – All Wards - The Church of Osage Hills – 5237 Osage Beach Parkway
- Miller County Ballot – Ward I - Faithbridge United Methodist Church – 901 Hwy 42

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CITY OF OSAGE BEACH, MISSOURI RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA TAX

APRIL 4, 2023 - GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION



QUICK FACTS:

- November 2022, Missouri voters approved a constitutional amendment allowing sales of recreational (adult-use) marijuana at licensed facilities. Licensed facilities began selling recreational marijuana as early as February 6, 2023.
- A 3% city sales tax on recreational marijuana purchases in Osage Beach will be on the April 4, 2023 Osage Beach General Municipal Election ballot. If approved, the tax would only apply to recreational marijuana. The city sales tax rate remains the same on all other purchases.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

What is recreational (adult-use) marijuana? In November 2022, Missouri voters passed a constitutional amendment allowing the sale and use of marijuana for personal use for those ages 21 and over. The State will charge a 6% tax on legal purchases of recreational marijuana. In addition, cities and counties have the option to charge a sales tax up to 3% with voter approval.

What's on the ballot? On April 4, 2023, Osage Beach voters will decide if recreational (adult-use) marijuana sold in Osage Beach should be charged a 3% sales tax. **Osage Beach Ballot question:** "Shall the City of Osage Beach, Missouri, impose a three percent (3%) sales tax on all retail sales of adult use marijuana sold within the City of Osage Beach, Missouri, for the purpose of funding capital improvements and operation and maintenance for Parks and Recreation, and for capital improvements and operations of Public Safety Services, including Police, 911 Communication, and Ambulance services."

Would the 3% tax apply to marijuana purchased for medical use? No. If approved, the additional 3% sales tax would only apply to marijuana purchased for recreational use. Adults over the age of 21 with a medical marijuana ID card or caregiver ID card can purchase marijuana for medical use, which would not be subject to the additional 3% sales tax.

How much revenue could the recreational marijuana tax bring to Osage Beach? Estimates are \$150,000 - \$200,000 annually. If voters approve the ballot question on April 4, 2023, the tax would go into effect October 1, 2023.

How would the City Spend the money? Any revenues from a recreational marijuana tax would go towards Parks and Recreation and Public Safety Services, including Police, 911 Communication, and Ambulance services, based on the ballot language. This allows the city the flexibility to put the money into parks and recreation, as well as public safety services, as needed as they can change from year to year.

