

Park Sales Tax Proposition R (Recreation)

What is the Park Sales Tax?

The Park Sales Tax is a dedicated sales tax for “local parks” applied to all retail sales made within the City of Overland that are subject to taxation under the provision of Sections 144.010 to 144.525 RSMo. All revenue received from the local Park Sales Tax is used...“solely for funding local parks and community center operations and related activities and improvements”

Why does the City need the Park Sales Tax?

The annual cost to provide services to our residents continues to increase while our revenues remain relatively unchanged. The revenue from the Parks Sales Tax will be used to continue to fund parks department and community center services.

When was the last time the voters in the City of Overland approved a sales tax increase?

2003 – ½ cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax

Do other Cities in St. Louis County levy the Park Sales Tax?

Yes, 50 of the 90 Municipalities have passed the Parks Sales Tax. S. Louis County and St. Louis City also levy a dedicated tax to fund park operations. The City of Overland receives no revenue from tax levied by the other cities.

What is the proposed Park Sales Tax Rate in the City of Overland and how much is revenue is it projected to generate?

The City is proposing a ½ of 1 cent Park Sales Tax that is projected to generate ~\$1,000,000.00/year.

Who pays the Parks Sales Tax?

Anyone (both residents and non-residents) who shop in the City of Overland will pay the Parks Sales Tax.

How Much will the Park Sales Tax cost me?

The Parks Sales Tax will add an additional Fifty (\$.50) Cents for every One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars you spend.

Does the term “local parks” include community/recreation centers?

Yes, cities around the state have and continue to utilize the revenue from the Parks Sales Tax to fund community/recreation center operations.

What will the revenue from the Parks Sales Tax be used for?

The revenue will be used to fund Parks and Community Center operations and related activities and improvements that are currently being funded out of the General Fund and the Capital Improvement Fund. For FY 16/17, General Fund projected expenses related to these areas totals \$939,536.00 (9.65% of the total General Fund budget) and Capital Improvement Fund projected expenses total \$183,000.00 (20.64% of the total Capital Improvement Fund budget).

Can the Park Sales Tax be used to fund General Operating Expenses of other Departments?

No, by law the Park Sales Tax can only be used for local parks. However, having a dedicated funding source for local parks frees up more funding from the General Fund for the general operating expenses of other departments.

Can the Park Sales Tax be used to fund Street Improvements or other non-park related equipment or projects?

No, by law the Park Sales Tax can only be used for local parks. However, having a dedicated funding source for local parks frees up more funding from the ½ cent Capital Improvement Fund for street improvements or other non-park related equipment or projects.

Does any unused revenue remain in the Park Fund for future expenses?

Yes, the law requires that all revenue received by a municipality, via the Park Sales Tax, be deposited in a special trust fund (account) to be used to provide funding for “local parks” related expenses.

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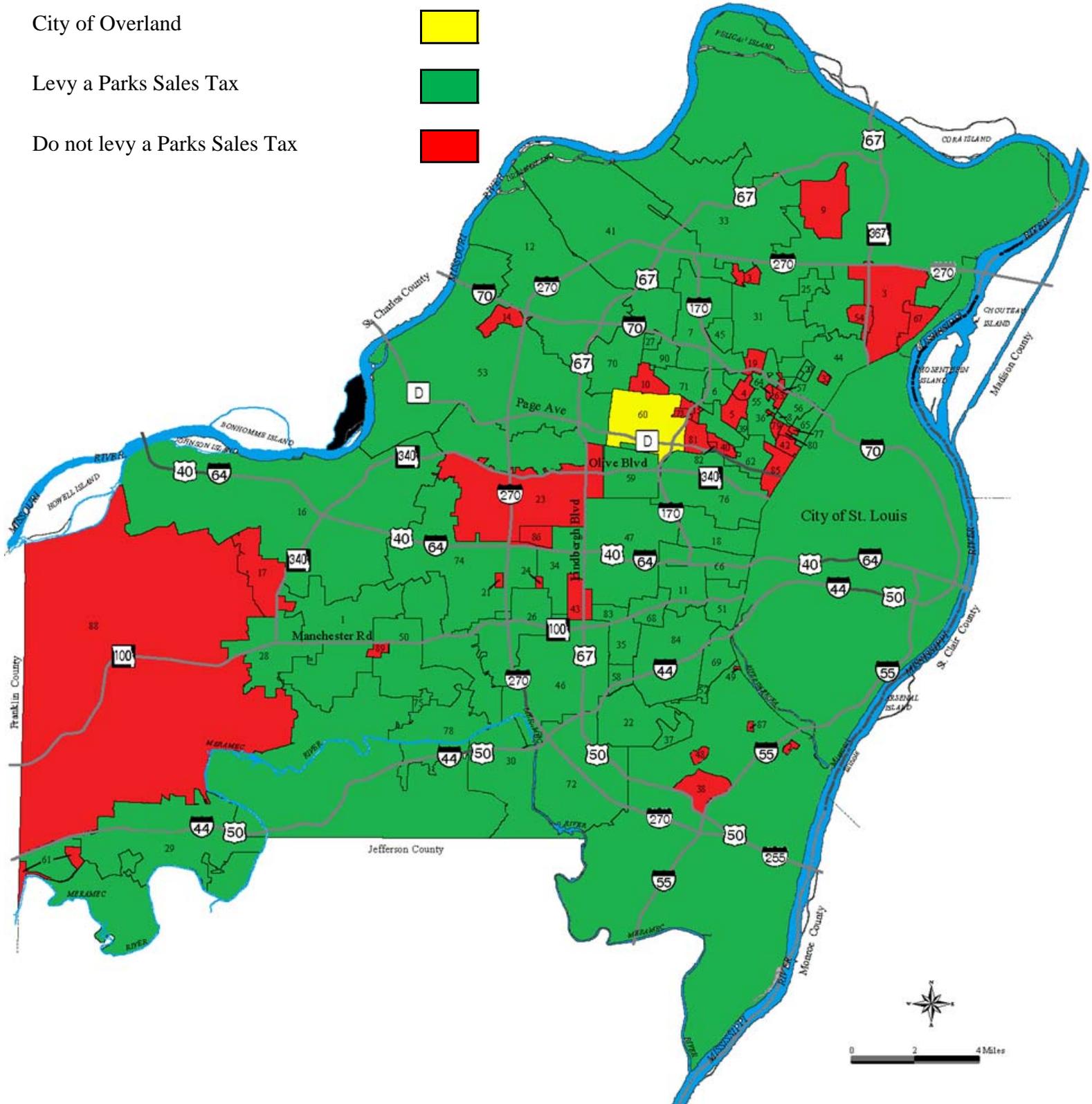
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