

ORDINANCE 1-2011

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION BY THE TOWN OF WELLINGTON, COLORADO, REFERRING THE QUESTION OF WHETHER A ONE PERCENT (1%) SALES AND USE TAX PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE VOTERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF WELLINGTON STREETS MAY ALSO BE USED TO PAY COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF WELLINGTON PARKS, TRAILS AND OPEN SPACES.

WHEREAS, in 1998 the Wellington Board of Trustees identified the need to remedy the poor condition of Wellington's streets as a high priority; and,

WHEREAS, in 1998 the Town of Wellington had limited financial resources available for development and maintenance of its streets; and,

WHEREAS, the Wellington Board of Trustees approved placing on the ballot the question of whether an additional one percent (1%) sales and use tax increase to a total sales and use tax amount of three percent (3%) should be imposed on sales and uses within the Town of Wellington; and,

WHEREAS, the electorate in 1998 approved the increase of the Wellington sales and use tax rate to a total of three (3%), with one percent (1%) of such amount allocated to the construction and reconstruction of Wellington streets; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Wellington has made substantial progress in bringing Wellington Streets up to acceptable standards, including paving all previously unpaved streets within the town limits; and,

WHEREAS, growth through annexations and subdivision development has resulted in dedication of substantial acreage of open space to the Town; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Wellington through a public process developed and adopted a Parks & Trails Master Plan, including concepts and cost estimates for developing neighborhood and community parks and a trail system on appropriate portions of these dedicated open space; and

WHEREAS, the Wellington Board of Trustees does not wish to increase taxes imposed by the Town but recognizes the need to address development and maintenance of parks, trails and open spaces within the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Wellington, Colorado:

SECTION 1: The following question shall be referred to the voters of Wellington at the November 1, 2011 Larimer County Coordinated Election ballot for voter consideration:

May the 1% Sales and Use Tax previously approved by the electors of the Town of Wellington for the construction and reconstruction of Wellington streets be used at the discretion of the Wellington Town Board of Trustees, for the additional purpose of development and maintenance of Wellington Parks, Trails and Open Spaces within the Town for the periods between January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2021?


YES

NO

SECTION 2: The referred matter ballot title for such referred ordinance shall be:

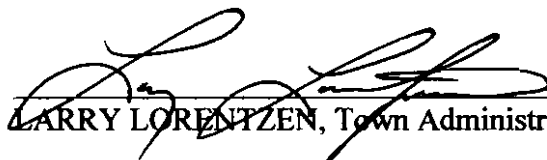
May previously approved sales and use tax revenues be applied to pay costs of Parks, Trails and Open Spaces as well as Streets?

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF WELLINGTON ON THIS 23RD DAY OF AUGUST, 2011, AND ORDERED TO BECOME EFFECTIVE THIRTY DAYS FROM PUBLICATION BY TITLE.



TRAVIS J. VIEIRA , Mayor

ATTEST:



LARRY LORENTZEN, Town Administrator/Clerk