

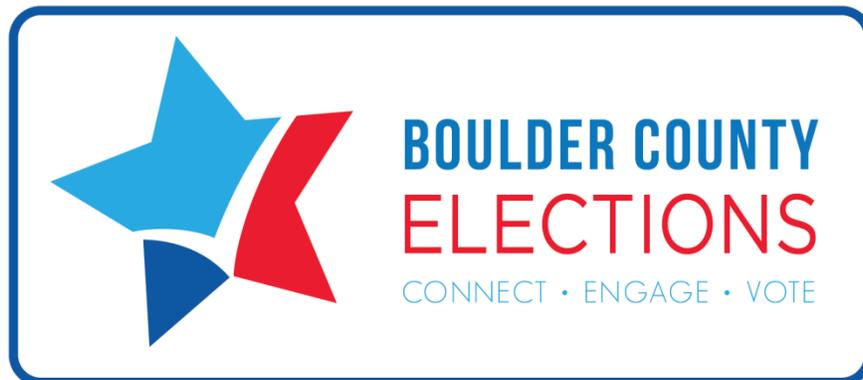


Clerk & Recorder
Hillary Hall

NOTICE OF ELECTION

November 3, 2015 – Election Day
Voting begins October 13

All active registered voters will be mailed a ballot the week of
October 12.



**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES/TO INCREASE DEBT/
ON A CITIZEN PETITION/ON A REFERRED MEASURE.**

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 in this notice.

www.BoulderCountyVotes.org



This pamphlet contains summary statements for ballot issues as required by the State of Colorado Constitution, Article X, Section 20 for ballot issues appearing on the 2015 Coordinated Election ballot. The information contained in this notice was prepared by persons required by law to provide summaries of ballot issues and fiscal information. 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 circumstances.

This notice is mailed to each address with one or more active, registered voters whose ballots include at least one TABOR ballot issue. However, you may not be eligible to vote on all issues presented in this notice. This notice does not contain information on statewide measures. Information on statewide measures and judge retention, if applicable, can be found in the State Ballot Information Booklet (commonly referred to as the “Blue Book”) mailed by the State of Colorado. For additional ballot content, please visit BoulderCountyVotes.org.

Important Voting Reminders

- ✓ **All voters in Colorado now receive a ballot in the mail. All active registered voters will be automatically mailed a ballot the week of October 12.** If you would like to vote in person or need additional assistance with voting, you may visit a Voter Service and Polling Center (see page 11 for details).
- ✓ **Remember – ballots are mailed to the address on your voter registration.** Check your registration details at www.BoulderCountyVotes.org – especially if you have moved, provided an alternative mailing address in the past, or have not voted for several years. You may also use this website to track your mail ballot.
- ✓ **Voters may begin voting as soon as they receive their ballot.** Ballots may be mailed back or dropped off at a designated Ballot Drop-off or Voter Service and Polling Center. Instructions will be included in your mail ballot packet.
- ✓ **Traveling?** If you need your ballot sent to a location other than your voter registration address, then you must contact our office as soon as possible to request an absentee ballot application: Vote@BoulderCountyVotes.org or 303-413-7740. If you are changing your mailing address online through the GoVoteColorado.com voter registration system, you must do so by October 26, 2015, in order to receive a ballot in the mail. Remember to update your mailing address after the election.
- ✓ **Spanish assistance / Ayuda en Español** – If you need assistance in Spanish, please contact our office at 303-413-7740 or visit our website at BoulderCountyVotes.org. Si usted necesita ayuda en español, por favor comuníquese con nuestra oficina al 303-413-7740 o visite nuestro sitio web en BoulderCountyVotes.org.
- ✓ **Ballots must be received by the Boulder County Clerk & Recorder or at a designated ballot drop-off location by 7 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, in order for your vote(s) to be counted.** Ballots received after 7 p.m. on November 3 will not be counted. Postmarks do not count as a received date.

TABOR NOTICE

TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS – *Boulder County, Colorado* NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES/TO INCREASE DEBT/ON A CITIZEN PETITION/ON A REFERRED MEASURE

Election Date: November 3, 2015
Deadline for Receipt of Ballots: November 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
Voter Service and Polling Centers open Election Day from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Boulder County Clerk’s Main Office: 1750 33rd Street, Boulder, CO 80301
Vote@BoulderCountyVotes.org • Tel: 303-413-7740 • www.BoulderCountyVotes.org

CITY OF BOULDER

Office of the City Clerk
1777 BROADWAY, P.O. BOX 791
BOULDER, CO 80306
(303) 441-3013

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES AND DEBT AND FOR REVENUE CHANGES

CITY OF BOULDER BALLOT ISSUE NO. 2N

(i) Ballot Title and Text

SHORT-TERM RENTAL TAX

SHALL CITY OF BOULDER TAXES BE INCREASED BY UP TO \$400,000.00 ANNUALLY (IN THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR) AND BY WHATEVER AMOUNTS AS MAY BE COLLECTED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY THE IMPOSITION OF A SHORT-TERM RENTAL TAX ON EACH LEASE OR RENTAL OF ANY DWELLING UNIT, NOT ALREADY TAXED AS A HOTEL, MOTEL OR OTHER PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION IN THE AMOUNT OF SEVEN AND ONE-HALF PERCENT, TO FUND ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT AND ALL OTHER REASONABLE EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH ADMINISTERING THE SHORT-TERM RENTAL PROGRAM WITH ANY ADDITIONAL FUNDS GOING TO CREATE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FROM JANUARY 1, 2016;

AND IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,

SHALL THE FULL PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAXES AT SUCH RATES AND ANY EARNINGS THEREON BE COLLECTED, RETAINED, AND SPENT, AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE WITHOUT LIMITATION OR CONDITION, AND WITHOUT LIMITING THE COLLECTION, RETENTION, OR SPENDING OF ANY OTHER REVENUES OR FUNDS BY THE CITY OF BOULDER UNDER ARTICLE X SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

FOR THE MEASURE ____

AGAINST THE MEASURE ____

Fiscal Information for Ballot Issue - Short Term Rental Tax

(ii) Estimated total District fiscal year spending for the current year and actuals for each of the past four years, and the overall percentage and dollar change.

Fiscal Year	Dollar Spending
2011 Actual	179,758,000
2012 Actual	204,928,000
2013 Actual	200,710,000
2014 Actual	221,392,000
2015 Estimate	205,703,000

Overall Percentage Change
from 2011 to 2015 14.4%

Overall Dollar Change
from 2011 to 2015 \$25,945

(iii) For the first full fiscal year of the proposed district tax increase (2016), the district estimates that the maximum dollar amount of the increase in the Short Term Rental Tax will be \$400,000 and that the district fiscal year spending without the increase will be \$220,126,000.

Summaries prepared from materials filed by persons in favor of or opposed to the ballot issue:

Those in favor say:

No comments were received by the Statutory deadline of 5 PM on September 18, 2015.

Those opposed say:

- If you are renting or own a residence, especially a single family, if this passes you could soon be living next to or in a motel.
- If the thought of up to 365 visitors a year coming and going next door, perhaps several on your block, doesn't seem appealing, the only way to stop it is to vote no on this tax.
- If this tax doesn't pass short term rentals will be illegal, as they currently are. Short term rentals are about profit, not sustainability. It's about the owners benefits: not the neighbors, not the community, and not affordable housing, it's about money.
- Let's not make profit Boulder's highest value. Let's not let the dollar signs stop us from goals of affordable housing and livable communities and neighborhoods.

TOWN OF JAMESTOWN

TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE

TOWN OF JAMESTOWN, COLORADO BOULDER, COUNTY COLORADO

Election Date: November 3, 2015
Deadline for Receipt of Ballots:
November 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
Mail Ballot Election
Boulder County Clerk's Main Office: 1750 33rd Street,
Boulder, CO 80301
Local Election Office: Office of the Town Clerk
118 Main Street, PO Box 298 Jamestown, CO 80455
(303) 449-1806

BALLOT ISSUE 2E

SHALL THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN TAXES BE INCREASED \$15,250 IN 2016 AND THEN ANNUALLY BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RAISED THEREAFTER BY THE IMPOSITION OF AN ADDITIONAL MILL LEVY NOT TO EXCEED FIVE (5) MILLS UPON TAXABLE REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE TOWN, COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2016, SUCH REVENUES TO BE COLLECTED, RETAINED, AND SPENT FOR ANY LAWFUL MUNICIPAL PURPOSE; AND SHALL THE TOWN BE PERMITTED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND EXPEND ALL REVENUES DERIVED FROM SUCH TAX INCREASE AND ANY EARNING THEREON AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND AN EXCEPTION TO LIMITS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

Estimates of Fiscal Year Spending

The estimated total of the Town of Jamestown's fiscal year spending, excluding the water fund (which is an enterprise fund) and federal funds, for the current year and actual total for each of the past four years and the overall percentage and dollar change for the period are:

FISCAL Year	SPENDING	Overall % Change ('11-'15)	Overall Dollar Change ('11-'15)
2015 (estimated):	\$52,477	(-30.1%)	(-\$22,646)
2014 (actual):	\$64,247		
2013 (actual):	\$61,455		
2012 (actual):	\$78,114		
2011 (actual):	\$75,123		

Estimate of Maximum Dollar Amount of Ballot Issue 2E Tax Increase (Fiscal Year 2016): \$15,250

Town Estimate of 2016 Fiscal Year Spending Without Ballot Issue 2E Increase: \$55,526

Summaries of written comments submitted "FOR" Ballot Issue 2E:

1.) We want to continue to govern ourselves and control our own future. Without a tax increase the town's General Fund will be depleted within the next four or five years. The five mill increase is necessary to ensure Jamestown's survival as an incorporated statutory town.

2.) The Town has been the beneficiary of millions of dollars in State and Federal grants to help us rebuild since the flood. But grants cannot pay for everything, especially administrative costs associated with managing all that money. There is just no way to reduce these costs.

3.) Up until 2013 the Town's general fund got along on just 5.5 mills from taxpayers. This is the first time in decades that an increase to the general fund has been proposed. Town expenses have risen due to inflation (propane, electric, internet), necessary overtime and additional insurance premiums. Approval of this levy will ensure financial sustainability for both short term and for years to come.

4.) The Town has few viable businesses and an alternative tax, like a sales tax, would not provide a reliable or sufficient source of steady funding.

5.) A homeowner with a property valued at \$300,000 (sales price) would pay only about \$10 per month if the Issue were to be approved.

Summaries of written comment submitted "AGAINST" Ballot Issue 2E:

This property tax increase is unwarranted and a bad idea for many reasons. Most residents have suffered some form of economic setbacks as a result of the flood and some have had savings wiped out. This tax increase is an additional burden on the community and particularly hard on seniors and others on fixed incomes. Residents have spoken clearly in favor of attracting young families and making it possible for elders to age in place. Increased taxes and the water surcharge don't support these goals.

Failure to pass this tax increase will not decrease road maintenance which is funded by gasoline tax. Nor is this tax money needed for the town square which already has grant funding. The 4th of July will still go on and put money back into the Town (JVFD).

TOWN OF JAMESTOWN

Many of the anticipated costs of recovery remain unknown and it is still too early to know what the future costs will be. The Town still has reserves as well as the Rebuild Jamestown fund. In fact, at the last town Board meeting, the Board was discussing what to do with surplus monies should the mill levy pass. The Board has not specified how this additional revenue should be allocated and according to the ballot wording, the money could be spent for "any lawful municipal purpose". The Town has not investigated alternative sources of income or ways of reducing expenses. Many current and future people working for the Town are paid by grants and they decrease the workload for Town staff at no expense to the Town. If this mill levy passes, Jamestown will have the third highest mill levy in Boulder County.

Jamestown now has funding to extend the water mains to the Rose M. Subdivision on Cemetery Road where many new houses will be built. Those along with the four new homes built since the flood and others soon to be constructed will contribute more property tax income. Because these homes are newer and, in many cases larger, they will provide more revenue to the Town.

Because there are so many uncertainties about Jamestown's financial future and what expenses to anticipate, we do not have a clear picture of our needs. We have the Rebuild Jamestown funds and our reserves to use until we have a better idea of how much additional revenue is really necessary to take us into the future. Until then, a tax increase is unwarranted and premature.

BALLOT ISSUE 2F

SHALL THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN TAXES BE INCREASED \$5,500 IN 2016 AND THEN ANNUALLY IN 2017 AND 2018 BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RAISED IN SUCH YEARS BY THE IMPOSITION OF A TEMPORARY, ADDITIONAL MILL LEVY NOT TO EXCEED ONE AND SEVEN-TENTHS (1.7) MILLS AND TO BE IMPOSED FOR NOT MORE THAN THREE (3) YEARS UPON TAXABLE REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE TOWN, COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2016, WITH THE REVENUES FROM SUCH TEMPORARY MILL LEVY TO BE COLLECTED, RETAINED, AND SPENT FOR ANY LAWFUL MUNICIPAL PURPOSE; AND SHALL THE TOWN BE PERMITTED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND EXPEND ALL REVENUES DERIVED FROM SUCH TEMPORARY TAX INCREASE AND ANY EARNING THEREON AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND AN EXCEPTION TO LIMITS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

Estimates of Fiscal Year Spending

The estimated total of the Town of Jamestown's fiscal year spending, excluding the water fund (which is an enterprise fund) and federal funds, for the current year and actual total for each of the past four years and the overall percentage and dollar change for the period are:

FISCAL Year	SPENDING	Overall % Change ('11-'15)	Overall Dollar Change ('11-'15)
2015 (estimated):	\$52,477	(-30.1%)	(-\$22,646)
2014 (actual):	\$64,247		
2013 (actual):	\$61,455		
2012 (actual):	\$78,114		
2011 (actual):	\$75,123		

Estimate of Maximum Dollar Amount of Ballot Issue 2F Tax Increase (Fiscal Year 2015): \$5,500

Town Estimate of 2016 Fiscal Year Spending Without Ballot Issue 2F Increase: \$55,526

Summaries of written comments submitted "FOR" Ballot Issue 2F:

- 1.) As a result of millions of dollars of flood related grants for rebuilding, the town is required by State law to pay for a comprehensive financial audit which is estimated to cost \$12,000 to \$15,000 per year for the next three years. Funds collected under this issue are earmarked to help defray those costs.
- 2.) This is a temporary levy and will expire in three years when it is anticipated that expenses will return to normal levels.
- 3.) A homeowner with a property valued at \$300,000 (sales price) would pay only about \$4 per month if the Issue were to be approved.

Summaries of written comments submitted "AGAINST" Ballot Issue 2F:

The same arguments opposing Issue 2E also apply to this mill levy increase. The Town is requesting this money to offset flood related audit costs which could and should be paid for by Rebuild Jamestown funds. This audit cost is directly related to the flood and taxpayers should not be required to pay for it. There is no guarantee that if passed, this levy would indeed pay for the audit, since the ballot wording is that the money could be used for "any lawful municipal purpose".

TOWN OF LYONS

TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE

**TOWN OF LYONS
BOULDER COUNTY, COLORADO**

**ELECTION DATE: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2015
ELECTION HOURS: 7:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.**

LOCAL ELECTION OFFICE ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER:

**BOULDER COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER
1750 33RD STREET, SUITE 200
BOULDER, CO 80306
TELEPHONE: (303) 413-7740**

**TOWN OF LYONS, COLORADO
DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL
DEBRA ANTHONY, TOWN CLERK
432 5TH AVE (PO. BOX 49)
LYONS, CO 80540
(303) 823-6622 X13**

TOWN OF LYONS BALLOT ISSUE 2A

BALLOT TITLE:

SHALL THE TOWN OF LYONS TAXES BE INCREASED APPROXIMATELY \$100,000.00 IN THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR BY INCREASING THE SALES TAX RATE FROM 3.0 PERCENT TO 3.5 PERCENT, SUCH CHANGE TO BE IN EFFECT AS OF JANUARY 1, 2016, AND SHALL THE REVENUE CHANGE IN EVERY SUBSEQUENT YEAR CAUSED BY SUCH INCREASED SALES TAX RATE BE APPROVED, PERMITTING ALL OF THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH INCREASE IN THE TOWN'S SALES TAX TO BE COLLECTED, RETAINED, AND SPENT IN ANY YEAR FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING EXPENSES FOR ANY LAWFUL MUNICIPAL PURPOSE, AND SHALL THE ANNUAL REVENUE FROM SUCH TAX INCREASE CONSTITUTE A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE WITHIN THE MEANING OF ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?
YES _____ NO _____

FISCAL INFORMATION

FISCAL YEAR SPENDING

2011	\$ 1,511,089	Actual
2012	\$ 1,843,325	Actual
2013	\$ 1,898,332	Actual
2014	\$ 1,992,246	Actual
2015	\$2,135,483	Estimated

Overall percentage change from 2011 to 2015
41 %

Overall dollar change from 2011 to 2015
\$624,394

Proposed Tax Increase – (Ballot Issue 2A Sales Tax)

Town Estimate of the Maximum Dollar Amount of the Proposed Tax Increase for Fiscal Year 2016 (the First Full Year of the Proposed Tax Increase): \$100,000

Town Estimate of 2016 Fiscal Year Spending Without Proposed Tax Increase: \$2,150,000

SUMMARIES OF WRITTEN COMMENTS "FOR" TOWN OF LYONS BALLOT ISSUE 2A

Lyons residents should vote "yes" on Lyons Ballot Issue 2A to increase the sales tax rate from 3.0% to 3.5%. The increase is necessary for the healthy operation of the Town and to deal with the increased costs and increased demand on Town resources resulting from the flood of 2013. Sales taxes are a way to raise tax revenues in a manner that shares the burden between residents and visitors who also benefit from Town-provided services. Lyons is heavily dependent on tourists for sales tax revenue generation, and thus an increase in sales tax is desired over property tax increases, which have a more direct impact on Lyons residents. Lyons currently has the second lowest sales tax rate in Boulder County, after Ward. Even with an increase to 3.5%, Lyons would remain lower than Longmont and Boulder, the two closest competing cities. The last increase in the Town's sales tax was in 1988 when the sales tax rate was increased from 2.0% to 3.0%, but the entire increase was earmarked for the parks, and that is still the case. The Town has not raised the sales tax rate on the General Fund since 1970. General Fund expenses continue to increase from year to year due to general inflation in the state and national economies, from which Lyons is not immune. The .5% increase in sales tax could be used for general operating expenses, capital improvements, and aid to local businesses through a more aggressive economic development program, not to mention public human services in the Lyons area. All electors in Lyons are encouraged to support this initiative by voting "YES" on this question.

SUMMARIES OF WRITTEN COMMENTS "AGAINST" TOWN OF LYONS BALLOT ISSUE 2A.

NO COMMENTS WERE FILED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL DEADLINE.

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TOWN OF LYONS BALLOT ISSUE 2B

BALLOT TITLE:

SHALL TOWN OF LYONS TAXES BE INCREASED, COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2016, BY \$270,000.00 ANNUALLY IN THE FIRST FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016, AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, BY IMPOSING, A NEW EXCISE TAX OF 5% OF THE AVERAGE MARKET RATE AS DETERMINED BY THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE WHEN RETAIL MARIJUANA IN ANY FORM IS FIRST SOLD OR TRANSFERRED BY A MARIJUANA CULTIVATION FACILITY OR MARIJUANA INFUSED PRODUCTS FACILITY; WITH THE RATE OF SUCH EXCISE TAX BEING ALLOWED TO BE DECREASED OR INCREASED WITHOUT FURTHER VOTER APPROVAL SO LONG AS THE RATE OF SUCH TAX DOES NOT EXCEED 10%, AND SHALL ALL REVENUES DERIVED FROM SUCH EXCISE TAX BE COLLECTED AND SPENT, AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REVENUE OR EXPENDITURE LIMITATIONS CONTAINED IN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20, OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE 1 OF TITLE 29, COLORADO REVISED STATUTES, OR ANY OTHER LAW?

YES _____ NO _____

FISCAL INFORMATION

FISCAL YEAR SPENDING

2011	\$ 1,511,089	Actual
2012	\$ 1,843,325	Actual
2013	\$ 1,898,332	Actual
2014	\$ 1,992,246	Actual
2015	\$2,135,483	Estimated

Overall percentage change from 2011 to 2015
41 %

Overall dollar change from 2011 to 2015
\$624,394

Proposed Tax Increase – (Ballot Issue 2B Excise Tax on Marijuana)

Town Estimate of the Maximum Dollar Amount of the Proposed Tax Increase for Fiscal Year 2016
(the First Full Year of the Proposed Tax Increase): \$270,000

Town Estimate of 2016 Fiscal Year Spending Without Proposed Tax Increase: \$2,150,000

SUMMARIES OF WRITTEN COMMENTS “FOR” TOWN OF LYONS BALLOT ISSUE 2B

Lyons residents should vote “yes” on Lyons Ballot Issue 2B to impose a new excise tax on marijuana sold or transferred by a cultivation facility. Marijuana cultivation is a new industry for Lyons, and the Town should collect revenues to ensure the cost of regulating this activity is not a burden on the Town’s General Fund. The proposed tax ensures that activities that

occur in Lyons are tied to a sufficient source of revenue. The excise tax rate proposed is comparable to rates set by nearby communities that also allow cultivation and Lyons should position itself competitively by comparison.

SUMMARIES OF WRITTEN COMMENTS “AGAINST” TOWN OF LYONS BALLOT ISSUE 2B.

NO COMMENTS WERE FILED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL DEADLINE.

TOWN OF NEDERLAND

NOTICE OF ELECTION ON A REFERRED MEASURE TO EXCEED SPENDING AND REVENUE LIMITATIONS TOWN OF NEDERLAND, COLORADO

Election Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2015

Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Local Election Office Address & Telephone Number:

Town of Nederland
45 W. First Street
P. O. Box 396
Nederland, Colorado 80466
Telephone: (303) 325-3266, extension 23

Designated Election Official:

LauraJane Baur, Town Clerk

Ballot Title and Text:

TOWN OF NEDERLAND BALLOT ISSUE 2C:

SHALL THE TOWN OF NEDERLAND BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLAR (\$800,000) STATE ENERGY AND MINERAL IMPACT ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDS AWARDED TO THE TOWN ON AUGUST 5, 2015 FOR PURPOSES OF THE TOWN MAINTENANCE SHOP PROJECT, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY STATE SPENDING OR REVENUE LIMITATION, INCLUDING THOSE CONTAINED IN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

____ YES

____ NO

Summary of Written Comments FOR Town of Nederland
Ballot Issue 2C:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Town of Nederland
Ballot Issue 2C:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

BOULDER RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE

BOULDER RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOULDER COUNTY, COLORADO

Election Date: Tuesday, November 3,
2015

Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Local Election Office Address
and Telephone Number:** Boulder County Elections
1750 33rd Street, Suite 200
Boulder, CO 80301

Ballot Title and Text:

BALLOT ISSUE 5B

SHALL BOULDER RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED \$995,464 (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR DOLLAR INCREASE) ANNUALLY BEGINNING IN LEVY YEAR 2015 (FOR COLLECTION IN CALENDAR YEAR 2016) BY INCREASING THE DISTRICT'S EXISTING PROPERTY TAX BY 4.0 MILLS TO BE USED FOR THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL OPERATIONS, ADMINISTRATION AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, ALL REVENUE AND EARNINGS FROM THIS TAX CONSTITUTING A PERMANENT VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE WITHIN THE MEANING OF ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITATIONS SET FORTH IN SECTION 29-1-301 OF THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES AND ANY OTHER LAW?

Total District Fiscal Year Spending:

2015 - (estimated)	\$3,283,885
2014 - (actual)	\$3,183,015
2013 - (actual)	\$3,302,280
2012 - (actual)	\$3,046,471
2011 - (actual)	\$2,730,034

Overall Percentage Change From 2011 to 2015: 20.29%

Overall Dollar Change From 2011 to 2015: \$553,851

Boulder Rural Fire Protection District Estimates of Maximum Dollar Amount of Tax Increase and of District Fiscal Year Spending without the Increase for First Full Fiscal Year of Proposed Tax Increase:

Estimated Maximum Dollar Amount of Tax Increase for Ballot Issue A: \$995,464

Estimated First Full Fiscal Year Spending without Proposed Tax Increases

(assumes no other tax increases are approved): \$ 3,779,787

Summary of Written Comments For Boulder Rural Fire Protection District Ballot Issue 5B:

Boulder Rural Fire Rescue (BRFR) asks voters to approve ballot issue 5B, a mill levy to support staffing, equipment and facilities.

The fire district serves 17,000 people in a 25 square mile area on the northeast side of Boulder in unincorporated Boulder County, along with lower Sunshine Canyon. It handles an average of 760 calls per year, of which 55% are calls for medical assistance. The district has a combined staff of 39, with 17 paid firefighters and 19 qualified volunteer firefighters and EMTs. In addition to a paramedic on the initial response engine, a full-time paramedic response transport service is provided by a contract with American Medical Response.

The last time the district asked for additional funding was in 2006. At that time, BRFR told voters it would not request another property tax increase for 10 years. The department and the district have lived up to that promise. In August, the fire district's board decided to ask voters to increase the district's levy amount an additional 4.0 mills from its current 11.747 mills. This would mean \$2.65 a month, or \$31.84 a year per \$100,000 of a home's total value. The district's overall budget is \$2.4 million; \$390,000 has been drawn from reserves to maintain service levels. The District's reserves are nearly exhausted.

If authorized, the increase would primarily fund replacement of aging apparatus. BRFR's fire response vehicles are well behind schedule to be phased out or moved to reserve status. The department also intends to replace its outdated communication systems, self-contained breathing apparatus and firefighters' personal protective clothing. The levy increase will allow BRFR to maintain an effective firefighting and emergency response team, which includes maintaining an ambulance and responders added in 2015.

At current rates, the funds generated from the 2006 mill levy are insufficient in order to maintain BRFR's current level of personnel, equipment and overall service. BRFR's revenue stream has remained relatively unchanged because available residential space is nearly built out, there is very little commercial property in the district, and property values have remained flat for the past eight years. The consumer price index rose more than 20% in the same time. Additionally, costs of personnel, apparatus and equipment increased at a much higher rate. Despite this inflation,

Boulder Rural Fire Protection District has managed to keep its tax rates significantly lower than neighboring fire districts.

A survey conducted in the summer of 2015 shows BRFR residents view the department's services as high quality with "excellent overall performance". The department is endorsed and supported by many local leaders, businesses, schools, and public and private organizations.

Voters in the Boulder Rural Fire Protection District are encouraged to approve 5B during the November 3rd election and support BRFR as it continues to serve its community with a commitment to professionalism and safety.

Summary of Written Comments Against Boulder Rural Fire Protection District Ballot Issue 5B:

There were no comments received by the statutory deadline.

The Clerk and Recorder hereby certifies that the ballot issue notices contained herein are complete as submitted by the political subdivisions.

THIS CONCLUDES THE BALLOT ISSUE NOTICE REQUIRED BY ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION

Voter Service and Polling Centers



Services available at a Voter Service and Polling Center:

- Drop off your ballot
- Cast a ballot in person
- Request a replacement ballot
- Register to vote or update your registration information
- Vote using equipment and facilities for persons with disabilities

Locations opening October 13	Times and Days (weekdays unless noted)
<p>* Boulder: County Clerk and Recorder 1750 33rd Street</p> <p><i>Note: Ballot Drop-off and Registration services also available from Oct. 13-Oct. 23 at our Longmont and Lafayette offices during regular business hours.</i></p>	<p>8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 13 – Friday, October 23 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday, October 26 – Friday, October 30 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Saturday, October 31 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday, November 2 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 3 (Election Day)</p>
Locations opening October 26	Times and Days
<p>* Boulder: CU Campus – UMC– Aspen Room 1669 Euclid Avenue</p> <p>* Lafayette: County Clerk & Recorder 1376 Miners Drive</p> <p>* Longmont: County Clerk & Recorder St. Vrain Complex (new entrance) 529 Coffman Street</p>	<p>8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday, October 26 – Friday, October 30 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Saturday, October 31 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday, November 2 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 3 (Election Day)</p>

Ballot Drop-off Locations

Drop-off locations ONLY accept ballots and cannot assist with any other functions. Ballots may also be dropped off at any Voter Service and Polling Center listed above.



24-hour Ballot Drop Box Locations

These ballot drop box locations are open 24 hours, 7 days a week beginning October 13 at 8 a.m. and ending at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3 (Election Day)

- * **Boulder: County Clerk & Recorder**
1750 33rd Street
- * **Boulder County Courthouse**
East Wing Entrance – 2025 14th Street
- * **Lafayette Public Library**
775 W. Baseline Road
- * **Longmont: County Clerk & Recorder**
529 Coffman Street
- * **Longmont: Boulder County Fairgrounds**
9595 Nelson Road
- * **Superior Town Hall**
124 E. Coal Creek Drive



Drive-up Ballot Drop Box Locations

8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Friday, October 30, Saturday, October 31 and Monday, November 2
 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 3 (Election Day)

- * **Boulder: County Clerk & Recorder**
1750 33rd Street
- * **Louisville: Steinbaugh Pavilion**
824 Front Street
- * **Longmont: County Clerk & Recorder**
West side of building – 534 Terry Street
- * **Lyons Town Hall**
432 5th Avenue
- * **Nederland Community Center**
750 N. Highway 72



Walk-up Ballot Drop-off Locations

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 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 3 (Election Day)

- * **Erie: Arapahoe Ridge Marketplace** – Arapahoe Road & Highway 287

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Tuesday, November 3, 2015 – Election Day

Voting begins October 13

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