



City of Ponderay

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RE: 1% Local Options Sales Tax

November 25, 2025

In 2025, the residents of Ponderay approved by majority vote a one percent (1%) Local Options Sales Tax. Recently, the City of Ponderay, Bonner County, Idaho adopted an ordinance providing for the imposition and collection of a 1.0% consumption tax on all of sales subject to taxation under Chapter 36, Title 63, Idaho Code with the exception of hotels/motels lodging fees and any sales receipts that exceed \$999.99 in aggregate: for a period of Ten (10) years - from January 1st, 2026 through December 31, 2035.

The anticipated revenue of the 1.0% sales tax will be used on the following projects:

- a.) Lakeshore/Railroad Underpass - Safe Public access to Lake Pend Oreille and the Pend d'Oreille Bay Trail, including a railroad underpass of the BNSF railroad tracks between the City and Lake Pend Oreille.
- b.) Field of Dreams – Continued construction of the Field of Dreams, by adding additional facilities and associated infrastructure.
- c.) Field of Dreams Maintenance Endowment Fund - Designating one million dollars and allowing interest to accrue until the fund contains a two-million-dollar value to maintain the Field of Dreams.
- d.) Administrative Costs. (The city will retain the actual cost of collecting and administering the tax.)
- e.) Streets and Stormwater Projects – Designating \$500,000 per year in addition to the existing streets budget for maintenance, necessary improvements, and new facilities.

You are required to file your return no later than the 20th day of the succeeding month and include a copy of your Idaho Sales Tax Return (850). **If you have received written permission from the Idaho State Tax Commission to submit your return on a schedule other than monthly, attach a copy along with your Local Option Sales Tax Permit Form. This documentation is required for filing on a quarterly or annual basis with the city.**

All returns and remittances must be submitted monthly, regardless of whether any tax is owed, unless your business is noted as exempt from paying sales tax on the permit form. The submitted returns must be signed by the person responsible for filing or by a duly authorized agent.

All necessary information and remittance forms are available on our website. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Van Den Berg at 208-265-5468 ext. 10 or kvandenberg@ponderay.org

Sincerely,

Stephanie Peterson
City Clerk/Treasurer

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