



RESOLUTION 2025-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PONDERAY, IDAHO TO SUBMIT FOR APPROVAL TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF PONDERAY AN AMENDMENT TO MUNICIPAL NON-PROPERTY SALES TAX ORDINANCE NO. 150R.

WHEREAS: Idaho Code 50-1046 provides for the adoption of local option non-property taxes when approved by a 60% majority of the voters; and,

WHEREAS: The City Council would like to ask the voters of the City of Ponderay to decide whether to allow for the adoption of an ordinance amendment for the implementation of this tax; and,

WHEREAS: The city has identified four projects that will benefit residents, families, and commerce for generations

1. Continued development of the Lakeshore Access/Railroad Underpass Project aims to provide safe public access to Lake Pend Oreille and the POB Trail; to include constructing a railroad underpass beneath the BNSF railroad tracks between the city and Lake Pend Oreille, by local match grant opportunities and the addition of associated improvements, infrastructure, and amenities.
2. Continued construction of the Field of Dreams, by adding additional facilities and associated infrastructure.
3. Development of a Field of Dreams Maintenance endowment fund, by designating one million dollars and allowing interest to accrue until the fund contains a two-million-dollar value would be designated to maintain the Field of Dreams facility for many years, relieving taxpayer burden.
4. Streets and Stormwater Projects by designating an additional \$500,000 per year in addition to our existing streets budget for maintenance, necessary improvements and new facilities.

WHEREAS: The City Council would like to find ways to implement priority projects without increasing the burden on property taxpayers and to generally increase fairness in our tax structure; and,

WHEREAS: The City Council understands and appreciates the positive impact of tourists and regional commerce have on the local economy; and,

WHEREAS: The City Council also understands the economic impact to the property taxpaying citizens of the community to provide for essential services to our town's visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT; A ballot question will be submitted for the November 4th, 2025, general election ballot for the purpose of considering resort city local option non-property tax; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the following questions be placed on the ballot for consideration by the registered voters of the City of Ponderay:

CITY LOCAL OPTION NON-PROPERTY TAX
CITY OF PONDERAY, STATE OF IDAHO
NOVEMBER 4, 2025

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:

To vote on the following question, place an (X) in the square according to the way you want to vote on the question. If you, by mistake or accident, mark, tear, deface, or otherwise mutilate this ballot, return it to the election judges and obtain another ballot.

QUESTION: Shall the City of Ponderay, Bonner County, Idaho, adopt an ordinance amendment 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 and any sales receipts that exceed \$999.99 in aggregate; for a period of TEN (10) years from its effective date.

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

- a.) Lakeshore Access—Continued development of safe Public access to Lake Pend Oreille and the Pend Oreille Bay Trail, including a railroad underpass crossing the BNSF railroad tracks between the city and Lake Pend Oreille; associated improvements, infrastructure, and amenities.
- b.) Field of Dreams—Continued construction at the Field of Dreams recreational facility, creating additional facilities and associated infrastructure.
- c.) Field of Dreams – Endowment Fund creation designated to maintain the Field of Dreams facilities.
- d.) Streets and Stormwater Projects—Designating \$500,000 in addition to the existing Street budget for the necessary improvements, maintenance, and new facilities.
- e.) Administrative Costs. (The city will retain the cost of collecting and administering the tax.)

On the issue of a 1.0% local option sales tax:

IN FAVOR.....

AGAINST.....

PASSED by the City Council this 18th day of AUGUST 2025.



Steve Geiger, Mayor

Attest:


Stephanie Peterson, City Clerk/Treasurer