

# Newton County Proposition A

## August 5<sup>th</sup> Ballot Language

“In an attempt to eliminate the un-fair advantage enjoyed by out-of-state vendors over local vendors, and to fund improved retirement and benefits of Newton County Sheriff’s Deputies and other county employees, shall the county of Newton impose a local use tax at the same rate as the total local sales tax rate, provided that if any local sales tax is repealed, reduced, or raised by voter approval, the local use tax rate shall also be repealed, reduced, or raised by the same action?”

## What is a ‘Use Tax’?

A use tax allows Newton County to collect sales tax on online purchases from out-of-state vendors. For example, if you purchase an item from a local shop in Newton County, the county currently collects 1.63% sales tax.

With the use tax, the same tax rate would be applied if the same item was bought online from outside of Missouri.  
Use tax is **not** collected from in-state purchases.



## Why is this needed?

### Recruitment & Retention



For the past several years the Newton County Sheriff’s Office along with other departments in Newton County have faced challenges in recruiting top-tier candidates, primarily due to inadequate benefits. The proceeds from the use-tax will be utilized to help provide funding for the LAGERS Retirement and to improve benefits and pay for our deputies and all other Newton County Employees.

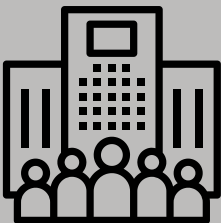
### Out-of-State Purchases Only

For example, if you make a purchase of \$100 from an out-of-state vendor and have the item shipped to your address, you would be charged 1.63%.

\$100 Purchase +  
\$1.63 =  
**\$101.63**

### County Sales Tax Rates

McDonald County	2.5%
Barry County	2.0%
Lawrence County	2.0%
Newton County	1.63%
Jasper County	1.38%



### Area Cities with LAGERS:

- Neosho
- Granby
- Seneca
- Carl Junction
- Joplin
- Carthage
- Webb City

### Area Counties with LAGERS:

- Jasper County
- Lawrence County
- Vernon County
- Greene County
- Callaway County (Class 2)
- Lincoln County (Class 2)

