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2012 FORT SMITH SPECIAL ELECTION
SEBASTIAN COUNTY, ARKANSAS
03/13/2012

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:
To vote, complete the oval to the LEFT of your choice, like this ⬬. Use only a marking device provided by a poll worker. If you vote for more than one candidate, your vote will not count. If you make a mistake on your ballot, return it to an election official for a replacement ballot. You may replace up to two ballots in an election.

0.25% SALES AND USE TAX FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT AND PARKS AND RECREATION PURPOSES

Adoption of a one-fourth of one percent (0.25%) local sales and use tax within the City of Fort Smith, Arkansas for a period of ten (10) years, commencing October 1, 2012, the net collections of which after deduction of the administrative charges of the State of Arkansas and required rebates ("Net Collections"), to be used by the City as follows: 50% of the Net Collections for park and recreation purposes and 50% of the Net Collections for fire department purposes.

⬭ FOR

⬭ AGAINST

MESSAGE TO VOTER

The following bonds that are approved may be combined into a single issue or may be issued in series from time to time. If the bonds for one or more of the purposes are approved and one of such purposes is the Refunding Bonds, there will be levied a replacement 0.75% sales and use tax, the net collections of which remaining after the State of Arkansas deducts its administrative charges and required rebates, will be used solely to retire the bonds and obligations of the City with respect thereto. The 0.75% sales and use tax will replace (a) the City's two (2) existing 0.5% sales and use taxes levied under Ordinance No. 18-06 in 2006 for the sole purpose of retiring bonds and (b) the City's two (2) 0.5% sales and use taxes levied under Ordinance No. 24-09 in 2009, but which are not yet effective, for the sole purpose of retiring bonds. The effective date of the 0.75% sales and use tax will be the day following the date the 2006 and 2009 sales and use taxes expire or terminate. The aggregate rate of taxation will be 0.75% even if bonds for more than one purpose are approved. No bonds will be issued for any purpose unless the Refunding Bonds are also approved.

REFUNDING BONDS AND 0.75% SALES AND USE TAX

An issue of bonds of the City of Fort Smith in the maximum principal amount of $55,380,000 for the purpose of refunding the City's outstanding Sales and Use Tax Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2006, Sales and Use Tax Bonds, Series 2008 and Sales and Use Tax and Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2009, and, in order to pay the bonds, the levy and pledge of a local sales and use tax at the rate of 0.75% within the City.

⬭ FOR

⬭ AGAINST

WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENT BONDS AND 0.75% SALES AND USE TAX

An issue of bonds of the City of Fort Smith in the maximum principal amount of $71,070,000 to finance all or a portion of the costs of extensions, betterments and improvements to the City's wastewater system, including particularly, without limitation, wet weather sewer improvements, and any facility, land or equipment acquisition therefor, and, in order to pay the bonds, the levy and pledge of a local sales and use tax at the rate of 0.75% within the City.

⬭ FOR

⬭ AGAINST

WATER IMPROVEMENT BONDS AND 0.75% SALES AND USE TAX

An issue of bonds of the City of Fort Smith in the maximum principal amount of $28,120,000 to finance all or a portion of the costs of extensions, betterments and improvements to the City's water system, including particularly, without limitation, water transmission improvements, water storage and pump stations, and any land or equipment acquisition therefor, and, in order to pay the bonds, the levy and pledge of a local sales and use tax at the rate of 0.75% within the City.

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⬭ AGAINST

FIREFIGHTING IMPROVEMENT BONDS AND 0.75% SALES AND USE TAX

An issue of bonds of the City of Fort Smith in the maximum principal amount of $9,110,000 to finance all or a portion of the costs of firefighting facilities and apparatus, including particularly, without limitation, apparatus replacements, a new fire station, and improvements to existing fire stations and any land acquisition, parking, equipment, furnishings and utility improvements therefor, and, in order to pay the bonds, the levy and pledge of a local sales and use tax at the rate of 0.75% within the City.

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⬭ AGAINST

AQUATIC CENTER IMPROVEMENT BONDS AND 0.75% SALES AND USE TAX

An issue of bonds of the City of Fort Smith in the maximum principal amount of $4,260,000 to finance a portion of the costs of an aquatic center consisting of swimming and other recreational facilities and any parking, equipment, furnishings and utility improvements therefor, and, in order to pay the bonds, the levy and pledge of a local sales and use tax at the rate of 0.75% within the City.

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