

# Proposition 1


## POLK COUNTY LOCAL USE TAX

### KNOW THE FACTS!!

**Funds Community Services-Generates Local Revenue**

**NOT a Double Tax!**

#### *What is a local Use Tax?*

A Use Tax is a tax on the purchase of goods by Missouri residents from out-of-state vendors. It is a vital source of revenue that our county is currently missing out on. Collection and enforcement of Use Tax provides fair competition between  out-of-state and local businesses. Local business must charge and collect a local sales tax on all sales, but out-of-state online businesses aren't required to. The out-of-state on-line vendors are benefiting from this and taking potential tax dollars away from our communities.

#### *I already pay sales tax. Is this the same thing?*

**NO** - The sales tax applies to purchases made at local retailers within Missouri, while the Use Tax applies to purchases made from out-of-state vendors. Purchases cannot fall into both groups and cannot be taxed twice.

#### *How can a Use Tax benefit my community.*

As inflation and wages have risen, compensating measures must be taken to ensure our county services. The Use Tax can compensate for money lost and help provide vital services to the county including public safety, emergency equipment and repairs and upkeep of county roads and bridges.

#### **HOW MUCH WILL THE USE TAX COST YOU???**

If you spend \$1,000.00 a year on internet/online purchases, the County Use Tax would cost you approximately \$13.75 per year.