

# Venue Tax Election Information

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The City of Borger has started plans to renovate and expand the Aluminum Dome into a full Civic Complex to support a multitude of events and entertainment, not only for our community, but for our entire region. To help support the operations, maintenance, renovation and expansion of the Dome, the City has proposed the establishment of a Venue Tax to be placed on the ballot of the November 3<sup>rd</sup> General Election.

## FAQs

- 1. What is a Venue Tax?** A Venue Tax is a 2% Hotel Occupancy Tax added to the bill on a hotel stay or other short-term rental dedicated to the support of the designated venue.
- 2. Who Pays the Venue Tax?** The Venue Tax is paid by someone staying in a hotel or short-term rental. It is added onto their bill and collected by the Hotel and then paid to the City, just like the existing Hotel Occupancy Tax.
- 3. Will the Venue Tax increase my property tax?** No, the Venue Tax is not a property tax and will not be added to your property tax bill. The only people that pay the Venue tax are those people paying a hotel bill inside the City Limits.
- 4. Why does the ballot language say the project will use property tax?** Like any debt issuance the City makes, property tax must be used as collateral. In this case, only 3% of our **existing** property tax revenue will be used as collateral for the Dome. This project will not be funded with a property tax increase!
- 5. How much money will the Venue Tax generate?** The City estimates, based on historical Hotel Occupancy Tax Collection, that the Venue Tax will generate about \$100,000 per year.
- 6. Why don't you spend this money on something else, like street repairs?** Venue Tax is restricted by State Law and can not be used for Street Maintenance. Hotel Occupancy funds are also restricted and can only be used for tourism-based projects.

# Ballot Language

"Shall the City Council of Borger, Texas be authorized (a) to provide for the planning, acquisition, establishment, development, construction, financing, and renovation of a Venue Project of the type defined in Chapter 334, as amended, Texas Local Government Code (the Act) and described generally as an arena, coliseum, stadium, or other type of arena or facility, including any related infrastructure (i) that is used or is planned for use for one or more professional or amateur sports events, community events, or other sports events, including promotional events, and other civic or charitable events; and (ii) for which a fee for admission to the events is charged or is planned to be charged; and (b) to authorize the following taxes to pay the costs of the Venue Project and to secure the payment of revenue bonds of the City issued to pay the costs of the Venue Project: (1) the imposition of an additional hotel occupancy tax at a rate not to exceed two percent (2%) as and to the extent authorized by Subchapter H of the Act; (2) the imposition of a new admission tax at a rate not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the price of the tickets sold as admission to an event at the City's Venue Project as and to the extent authorized by Subchapter F of the Act; and (3) the use of an amount not to exceed three percent (3%) of the revenue derived from the City's property tax, in addition to the hotel occupancy tax and any other applicable taxes as and to the extent authorized by Section 334.0241 of the Act; the proceeds of the foregoing taxes to be deposited into a venue project fund created under, and to be used for any purposes authorized by the Act and also approving and authorizing the implementation of the Comptroller's Resolution adopted by the City Council on January 7, 2020?"

A **YES** vote enacts the Venue Tax to support the Dome Project

A **No** vote rejects the Venue Tax

For a complete list of details and information regarding the Dome Project, visit [www.borgertx.gov/dome](http://www.borgertx.gov/dome).

**The Venue Tax Election is not a referendum on the project itself, but instead a method for funding a portion of the project.**

## Election Dates:

**Early Voting:** October 13, 2020 – October 30, 2020

**Election Day:** Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

