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Richton Park 's Non-Home Rule Sales Tax Referendum

Village of Richton Park

RICHTON PARK, IL. February 10, 2016 - An important decision is now on the table concerning Richton Park Residents. A Non-Home Rule Community (community with less than 25,000 people) may impose up to an additional 0.005% sales tax for expenditures on municipal operations, public infrastructure, or property tax relief as authorized by state statute.

With the half-one percent increase, the sales tax rate in the Village of Richton Park will be 10%. The current tax rate in our neighboring communities will range from 10.00% to 11.00%.

For every \$100.00 of purchases, it would cost an additional \$0.50 in tax on eligible items. It does not apply to the sale of groceries, drugs, medical appliances, and vehicles.

Before you think too hard about the topic, be introduced to some of the cold, hard facts. The proposed Non-Home Rule Sales Tax would:

- Add ½ of 1% (0.005%) to retail sales taxes
- Raise approximately \$330,000 in new revenue
- Add \$0.50 in tax to \$100.00 worth of shopping
- Not affect purchases of groceries, drugs, medical appliances, and vehicles
- Allow for assistance with expenditures for municipal operations, investment in road maintenance, repair, replacement and other street and sidewalk improvements
- Improve the overall quality of life for the citizens and residents of Richton Park

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