

SALES TAX ELECTION WHAT? WHY? WHERE? HOW MUCH?

What is Sales and Use Tax?	In Texas, sales tax is applied to the purchase of most goods and services. Texas sales tax varies by location. There is a statewide sales tax of 6.25%. In addition, local taxing jurisdictions such as cities, can impose a sales tax of up to 2.00%, for a maximum tax rate of 8.25%.
What is the current Sales and Use Tax Rate in Shiner?	The current total sales and use tax rate in the City of Shiner is 7.25%. If the proposed additional sales and use tax of 1.00% (one-cent) is approved by Shiner voters during the May 6, 2023 election, the rate would increase to 8.25%. The current sales and use tax rate for Shiner breaks down as follows: 6.25% – State of Texas; 1.00% – City of Shiner General Revenue Sales Tax
What are the current Sales and Use Tax Rates of neighboring Cities?	Below are the current sales and use tax rates of neighboring cities: Hallettsville – 8.25% Yoakum– 8.25% Moulton – 8.25% Gonzales – 8.25% Victoria – 8.25% Cuero – 8.25% Flatonia – 8.25% Schulenburg—8.25%
What will be on the ballot?	Registered voters in Shiner will be able to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the following proposition: "The adoption of a local sales and use tax in the City of Shiner at the rate of 1.00%. This is an increase of 1.00% from the existing 1.00%."
If approved by the voters of the City of Shiner, what would the revenue from the new one-cent sales and use tax be used for?	The proposed one cent sales and use tax revenue would increase the City of Shiner's General Fund allocation from 1.00% to 2.00%. (This is an increase of 1.00% from the existing 1.00%). Proceeds in the General Fund pay for services that include police, fire, maintenance and improvements to City parks, streets, library, museum, court and city hall expenses.
How much revenue is a one— cent increase in sales and use tax?	If approved, the one-cent would generate approximately \$434,000.00 in revenue during Fiscal Year 2024.
If disapproved by the voters of Shiner, what would be the effect?	Sales Tax would remain the same and the City would have to find other revenue sources as necessary.
Will my property tax rate be affected?	No, this election has nothing to do with property tax rates
Where else can I find information on the general sales and use tax?	For more information, visit https://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/sales/