



# BALLOT PROPOSITIONS TO INCREASE REVENUE



## Proposition 2

Raise the max amount of sales tax that can be collected on a sale from \$72 to \$300

Proposition 2 would raise the maximum taxable amount for a single purchase from \$1,200 to \$5,000, increasing the maximum sales tax from \$72 to \$300. Tax would apply only to the first \$5,000 of any purchase.

- **Local Impact:** Funds raised by this change will make additional funds available to **support the school district** and other community services.
- **Everyday Purchases:** Daily items like groceries and gas, typically under \$1,200, will remain unaffected. Utility bills will remain exempt from sales tax.
- **Large Purchases:** Sales tax will increase for purchases between \$1,200 and \$5,000.
- **Inflation:** The \$1,200 limit, set in 1959 and adjusted once in 2002, would need to be over \$10,000 today to keep pace with inflation.
- Petersburg's limit is among the lowest in Southeast Alaska.
- Petersburg Chamber of Commerce supports this change.

## Proposition 3

Raise the Transient Room Tax (TRT) from 4% to 7%

- **Local impact:** This increase is projected to generate an additional \$53,000 annually. These funds would support visitor-related services and infrastructure improvements in the Borough.
- **Who it effects:** This tax applies to rentals of hotel rooms, bed and breakfasts, and lodges within the Petersburg Borough. **The impact will primarily be on visitors.**
- The Transient Room Tax rate of 4% was established in 1997 and has not been adjusted for inflation since.
- Petersburg's Transient Room Tax rate is among the lowest in Alaska. The state average rate exceeds 7%.

**LOCAL POSTAL  
CUSTOMER**

PRSRM STD  
ECRWSS  
U.S. POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
EDDM Retail

# PETERSBURG BOROUGH MUNICIPAL ELECTION VOTING DAY IS OCTOBER 1, 2024



## ELECTION DAY

The polls for the election will be open 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on October 1, 2024 in the Activity Room of the Parks & Rec Community Center.



## ABSENTEE VOTING

**In Person:** Beginning on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 through Friday, September 27, 2024 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm in the training room on the first floor of the municipal building.

**By Mail:** Available by completing the Absentee Voting by Mail Request Form and returning it to the Clerk's office. You can also call the Clerk's office at 907-772-5404 to request a ballot by mail.

**By Email:** Voters will need to submit the Absentee Ballot by Electronic Submission Application available at <https://bit.ly/3X9Myxn>

*Voters wishing to receive an absentee ballot by mail or email must make request to the Clerk's office no later than 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 25, 2024.*

## QUESTIONS?

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## ELECTION INFORMATION

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