

## Upcoming VOTE May 22, 2018 for Siloam Springs

### 5/8th Cent Sales Tax Extension

Originally approved  
by voters in 2006

If renewed, this  
extension **WILL**  
**NOT** raise taxes

This is **NOT** a  
**NEW TAX**

**The Water Treatment Plant will be receiving an estimated \$31 million upgrade.**

Voters can choose how to pay for the plant upgrade:

- By voting to extend the existing 5/8th cent tax
- OR
- Without an extension of the tax, the other option is to increase water rates approximately **50%**.

- Aging equipment between 25 and 60 years old is obsolete, causing costly repairs and maintenance.
- Most recent upgrade to the plant was in 1992. Not all components were updated in 1992.
- Upgrades will include a new water line from the Illinois River to the plant. Currently there is no back up should the existing 62 year old line fail.
- Newer technology will increase efficiency in treating water. Switching from chlorine gas treatment to sodium hypochlorite, is safer for the community.

The existing 5/8th cent tax is collected on retail sales, restaurant sales, and services.

Non-residents who come to Siloam Springs to shop pay a share of the existing 5/8 cent tax.

The City paid off the bonds for the previous \$20 million debt for the Waste Water Treatment Plant upgrade in 12 years, which was originally a 20-year bond issue. (current use of existing 5/8 cent sales tax).

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