

Eagle Mountain City, Utah



Proposition Information Pamphlet

For the referendum that has been filed against Resolution 62-2026 a Resolution establishing the Certified Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

This Pamphlet includes the following:

1. A copy of the referendum application
2. An argument submitted by the sponsors [not timely submitted]
3. An argument submitted by the local government
4. A copy of the Fiscal and Legal Impact Statement provided by the City Attorney and Budget Officer

REFERENDUM SPONSOR VOTER STATEMENT



In accordance with Utah Code 20A-7-602(2)(b), each of the attached sponsors for this referendum application is a registered voter in the State of Utah.

REFERENDUM PETITION APPLICATION

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The undersigned applies to be the sponsor liaison of the above-referenced referendum petition.

Sponsor Liaison Name:	Ashley Erskine
Sponsor Liaison Residence Street Address:	1811 E Magnolia Cir. Eagle Mo
Sponsor Liaison Residence City, State, ZIP:	Eagle Mountain UT 84005

I declare:

☒ I am the designated sponsor liaison for this referendum petition.

Phone 801-919-9645 Email ashley.b.mcmillan@gmail.com

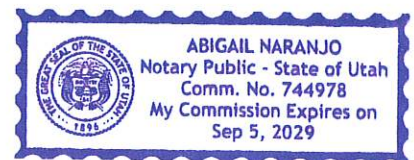
- I am a sponsor of the above referenced referendum.
- I am a resident of Utah.
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Ashley Erskine

Signature of Referendum Sponsor Liaison

NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF UTAH)
COUNTY OF Utah)



On the 22 day of August, 2026, before me personally appeared

Ashley B Erskine

to me known to be the person named herein, and duly acknowledged that in signing this document the person is acting on his/her own volition and is under no constraint or undue influence to do so.

Notary Public: Abigail Naranjo

My commission expires: SEP 5, 2029

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The undersigned applies to be a sponsor of the above-referenced referendum petition.

Sponsor Name:	<u>Taniel Hamlet</u>
Sponsor Residence Street Address:	<u>2909 E. Hideout Dr.</u>
Sponsor Residence: City, State, ZIP:	<u>Eagle Mountain, UT 84005</u>

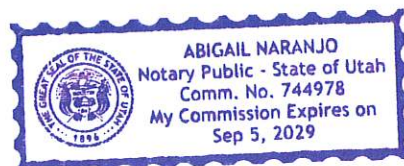
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Taniel Hamlet
Signature of Referendum Sponsor

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Taniel L. Hamlet

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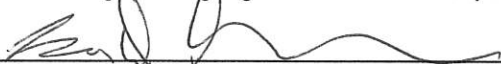
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Sponsor Name:	Bruce Carlson
Sponsor Residence Street Address:	3784 N Turnwater West Dr
Sponsor Residence: City, State, ZIP:	Eagle Mountain, UT 84005

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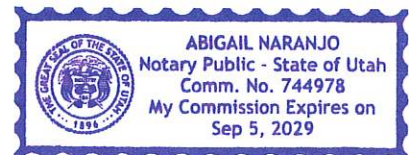
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Signature of Referendum Sponsor

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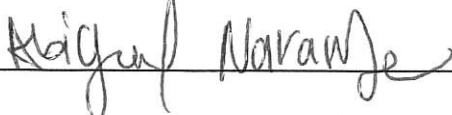


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Notary Public:



My commission expires:

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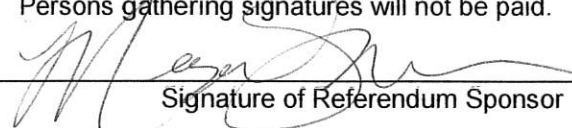
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Sponsor Name:	Megan Strader
Sponsor Residence Street Address:	7294 N Evans Ranch dr
Sponsor Residence: City, State, ZIP:	Eagle Mtn, UT, 84005

I declare:

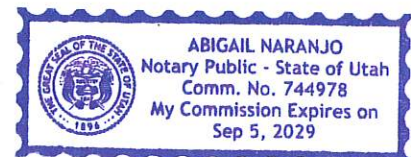
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Signature of Referendum Sponsor

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Megan A. Strader

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Notary Public: Abigail Naranjo

My commission expires: SEP 5, 2029

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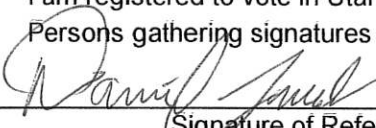
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Sponsor Name:	Daniel L Laub
Sponsor Residence Street Address:	356 E Gilbert Peak Way
Sponsor Residence: City, State, ZIP:	Eagle Mountain Utah 84005

I declare:

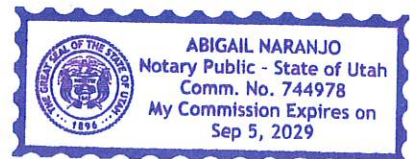
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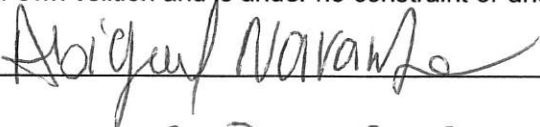
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The undersigned applies to be a sponsor of the above-referenced referendum petition.

Sponsor Name:	Mckenna Imoh
Sponsor Residence Street Address:	7953 N. Tinamous Road
Sponsor Residence: City, State, ZIP:	Eagle Mountain, UT 84005

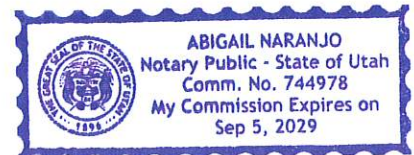
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Mckenna Imoh
Signature of Referendum Sponsor

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Sponsor Name:	MICHAEL SQUIRE
Sponsor Residence Street Address:	9947 N. ELKHORN RD.
Sponsor Residence: City, State, ZIP:	EAGLE MTN UT 84005

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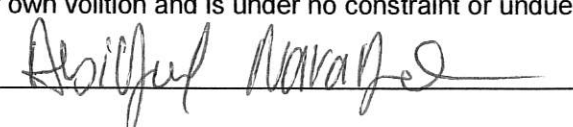
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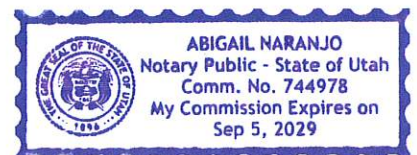
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- Michael L. Squire _____,

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Notary Public:  _____

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Sponsor Name:	SALLY SQUIRE
Sponsor Residence Street Address:	9947 N. ELKHORN RD
Sponsor Residence: City, State, ZIP:	EAGLE MOUNTAIN, UT 84005

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Sally Squire
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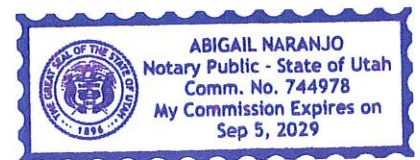
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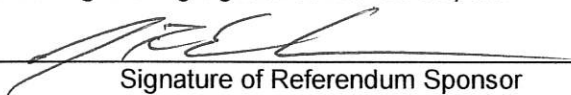
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Sponsor Residence Street Address:	1811 E Magnolia Cir
Sponsor Residence: City, State, ZIP:	Eagle Mountain UT 84005

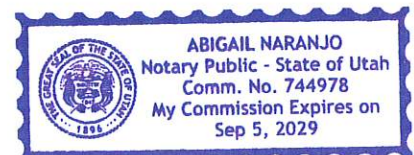
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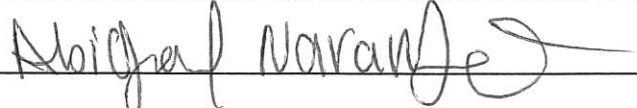
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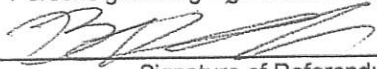
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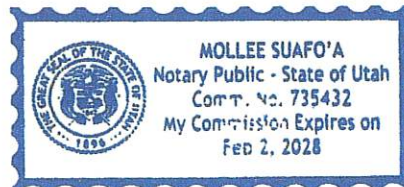
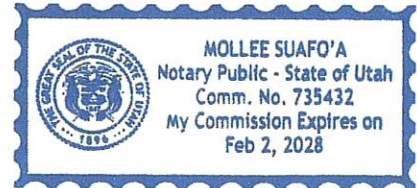
Sponsor Name:	BRETT MANSFIELD
Sponsor Residence Street Address:	7405 N SILVER PARK DR
Sponsor Residence: City, State, ZIP:	EAGLE MOUNTAIN, UT 84005

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Notary Public: Mollee Suafo'a

My commission expires: 2/2/28

RESOLUTION NO. R-12-2026

A RESOLUTION OF EAGLE MOUNTAIN CITY, UTAH, APPROVING A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE ABOVE THE CERTIFIED TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, the City Council of Eagle Mountain City (the "City"), is authorized to levy a property tax rate that exceeds the City's certified tax rate upon satisfaction of applicable notice and public hearing requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Utah State Tax Commission has certified that the certified tax rate for the City for Fiscal year 2026-2027 is 0.000530; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has proposed a tax rate of 0.0017000 for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, which exceeds the certified tax rate and constitutes a property tax increase; and

WHEREAS, notice of the proposed tax increase was advertised in the Daily Herald, a newspaper of general circulation, City bulletin boards, posted on the Utah Public Notice Website, the City's webpage and mailed notice was provided by the County Auditor to affected property owners, each within the time periods required by law; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a duly noticed public hearing on the proposed tax increase on August 6, 2026 at 6PM, at which the City Council provided all interested persons desiring to be heard a reasonable opportunity to present oral testimony, within reasonable time limits and without unreasonable restriction on the number of individuals permitted to comment, whether in person, by electronic means, or through written comments read into the record; and

WHEREAS, following the public hearing, the City Council has determined that it is necessary and in the best interest of the City to approve and levy a property tax rate above the certified tax rate for Fiscal Year 2026-2027;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Eagle Mountain City, Utah, as follows:

1. The City finds that the City has satisfied all applicable notice and public hearing requirements as a condition of levying a property tax rate that exceeds the certified tax rate for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, including publication of notice, mailed notice to affected property owners, and the conduct of a public hearing on August 6, 2026, at which public comment was received and considered.

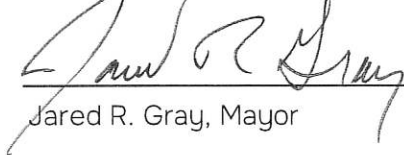
2. The City Council hereby approves and adopts a property tax rate of 0.0009 for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. This rate exceeds the certified tax rate of 0.000530 and will result in an increase in the City's ad valorem property tax budgeted revenue of approximately \$2,132,876 or 69.81%, above the City's property tax budgeted revenue for the prior year, exclusive of new growth.

3. The City Recorder is hereby directed to certify this Resolution and the adopted tax rate to the Utah County Auditor and to the Utah State Tax Commission, together with any other documentation required to complete the Truth in Taxation process.

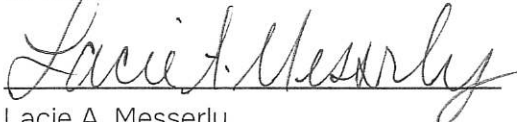
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the City Council of Eagle Mountain City, Utah, this 18th day of August 2026.

EAGLE MOUNTAIN CITY, UTAH


Jared R. Gray, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lacie A. Messerly
City Recorder



CERTIFICATION

The above Resolution was adopted by the City Council of Eagle Mountain City, Utah on the 18th day of August 2026.

Those voting yes:

☒ Melissa Clark

☒ Zachory Huish

☒ Craig Whiting

☐ Rich Wood

☒ Brett Wright

Those voting no:

☐ Melissa Clark

☐ Zachory Huish

☐ Craig Whiting

☒ Rich Wood

☐ Brett Wright

Those excused:

☐ Melissa Clark

☐ Zachory Huish

☐ Craig Whiting

☐ Rich Wood

☐ Brett Wright

Those abstaining:

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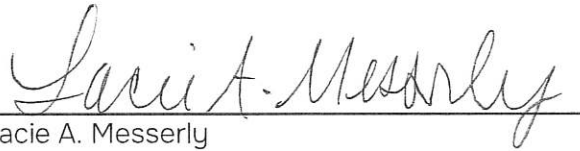
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Argument Against Referendum to Repeal Property Tax Increase

I worked in this valley before Eagle Mountain was a city, and I have watched it grow up around me.

Eagle Mountain has not gone through a Truth in Taxation process since 2010. Back then we had just over 21,000 residents. Today we have roughly 80,000. Utah's property tax system is revenue based, not rate based, so as we grew and home values rose, the City's rate automatically fell, from 0.001510 in 2010 to 0.000530 this year. At our current certified rate, the City takes just 5.79% of your total property tax bill. The rest goes to the school district, the fire authority, the county, and the water district.

Every dollar of the City's share goes to public safety, and we made that connection on purpose. It is the most important thing a city does, and property tax is our most stable revenue. Sales tax rises and falls with the economy. The need for deputies does not.

Last year residents called for help 25,698 times, up 18.6% in one year. We have fewer deputies per resident than neighboring cities, and ours spend nearly every hour of their shift running from one call to the next. That means you wait longer when you call, and there is little time for traffic enforcement, following up on cases, or being visible in a neighborhood before trouble starts. I have talked with our deputies. They care deeply about this community, and they need more resources to keep up with a growing city. This rate pays for a sergeant and additional deputies.

The City first proposed 0.001700, which would have covered the Sheriff's Office contract dollar for dollar. On August 6, after hearing from the public, the Council adopted a lower rate, 0.001500. On August 18, after more residents spoke, the Council repealed that rate and adopted 0.00090, an increase of 69.81%. That comes to about \$99 a year on the median home, or \$8.28 a month.

Even now, our property tax falls well short of our contract with the Utah County Sheriff's Office. The difference comes from elsewhere in the budget. If this rate is repealed, that gap grows at the expense of parks, trails, roads, and recreation. That is not a savings so much as a trade, and one we would face again next year.

I know families here are stretched. Groceries cost more. Housing costs more. That is why we brought this number down as far as we could, rather than walk away from a problem that only grows more expensive. Some of you opposed any increase. Others wanted us to do more. I hope both sides felt heard and respected.

Public safety is the one service a city cannot ask its residents to go without. I am asking you to vote to keep this rate in place.

Respectfully,

Mayor Jared Gray



Fiscal and Legal Impact Statement – Resolution R-62-2026

The City Council approved a tax increase to partially fund the City’s contract with the Utah County Sheriff’s Office. This report describes the fiscal and legal impact of repealing Resolution R-62-2026, a resolution approving a property tax increase above the certified tax rate for fiscal year 2026-2027.

Estimated Fiscal Impact

If this resolution is repealed, it will reverse the City Council’s decision to collect an additional \$2,132,876 annually in property taxes starting November 2026. This equates to approximately \$8.28 per month or \$99.31 per year on the average priced home, which has an assessed value of \$488,000. Repealing this law would not create a tax decrease from previous years. Rather, property taxes would stay the same dollar amount as they were in 2025.

If the resolution is repealed, the City would have to pay an additional \$2,132,876 to the Utah County Sheriff’s Office from sales tax revenues, causing a deficit in other areas of the budget. To make up for this deficit, the City would have to decrease City services or use reserve fund balance. The City may choose to fund the cuts 100% through decrease in City services 100% through reserve funds or any combination thereof.

Estimated Legal Impact

The City estimates there is no significant legal impact associated with this ordinance or with its repeal.

Fiscal Impact Summary

The City Council adopted a property tax rate for the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget that would generate an additional \$2,132,876 in annual revenue. This amount equates to \$8.28 per month or \$99.31 per year on the average home, which has an assessed value of \$488,000. The purpose of this increase is to provide additional stable funding for the City’s contract with the Utah County Sheriff’s Office. There are additional costs that may be incurred which are associated with the administration of an election and preparing tax notices.

Concise Explanation of Fiscal and Legal Impact Statement

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this increase is to provide additional stable funding for the City's contract with the Utah County Sheriff's Office. There are additional costs that may be incurred which are associated with the administration of an election and preparing tax notices. There are no anticipated legal impacts.