

Glenwood Springs Chamber Board Supports 2A

Advocating for the business community and the overall well-being of Glenwood Springs is central to the work of the Glenwood Springs Chamber. Our board of directors supports Ballot Measure 2A because it aligns with our mission of helping business thrive and community prosper. Ballot Issue 2A proposes a 1 penny sales tax dedicated to maintaining and improving the City's aging streets and underlying infrastructure. These funds will be strictly allocated for infrastructure projects, with an annual independent audit ensuring transparency.

Community on the Move, an ad hoc committee of our organization, has been active since the early 1980s. Comprised of engaged community members, this group has worked tirelessly and successfully on various initiatives to secure a brighter future for Glenwood Springs. Since January, they have been focused on understanding the City's needs and residents' desires regarding streets and infrastructure, culminating in the community-driven recommendation of 2A.

This is not a new tax, but rather an extension and increase of the current half-penny sales tax approved in 2005 which is set to expire in 2026. While the existing tax has supported the community for nearly two decades, rising costs in materials, labor, and construction have rendered it inadequate to cover necessary projects.

The revenue from this extended tax will be exclusively dedicated to maintaining and upgrading existing streets, as well as the underlying water, sewer, and utility systems, ensuring long-term sustainability for another 20 years. By allowing for proactive maintenance and improvements, 2A reduces the need for costly emergency repairs and minimizes disruption. One quarter of the revenue will be allocated specifically for underground infrastructure repairs and improvements, helping to keep future water and sewer rates stable.

The sales tax distributes the cost among residents and visitors, reducing the financial burden on local households and businesses. Importantly, Glenwood Springs' overall sales tax rate will remain comparable to other mountain communities.

At the Glenwood Springs Chamber, we are all about solutions. Supporting Ballot Measure 2A is about investing in the future of our community. By voting in favor of 2A, you're helping us pave the way for a stronger, more resilient Glenwood Springs. To learn more, please visit pavingglenwoodforward.com.

Glenwood Springs Chamber Board of Directors
Nicole Christianson, Chair