

# CITY OF CARTHAGE MARIJUANA TAX

APRIL 4, 2023

## RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA BACKGROUND

During the statewide election of November 2022, Missouri voters approved an amendment to the state's constitution, which made the use and sale of recreational (adult use) marijuana legal in Missouri for adults over the age of 21.

Additionally, the amendment placed a **6% State of Missouri sales tax** on purchases of recreational marijuana and authorized local governments to add a 3% sales tax.

At its Jan. 17, 2023, meeting, Carthage City Council unanimously voted to put a question regarding the additional 3% sales tax on recreational marijuana on the ballot for the April 4 municipal elections.

Locally, Jasper County has its own recreational marijuana sales tax question on the April ballot, as do several municipalities within the county, including both Joplin and Webb City.

## VOTER INFORMATION

The Carthage City Council has voted to call an election on the question of whether to impose an additional 3% sales tax on recreational marijuana.

The election will take place Tuesday, April 4, 2023, commencing at 6:00 A.M. and closing at 7:00 P.M.

The tax, if approved, would **ONLY** apply to recreational marijuana.

## OFFICIAL BALLOT LANGUAGE

Shall the City of Carthage, Missouri impose a sales tax of three percent (3%) on all retail sales of adult "non-medical" use marijuana sold in the City of Carthage, Missouri?

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: If you are in favor of the question, fill in the oval opposite "YES", like this ●. If you are opposed to the question, fill in the oval opposite "NO", like this ●.

YES ●

NO ●

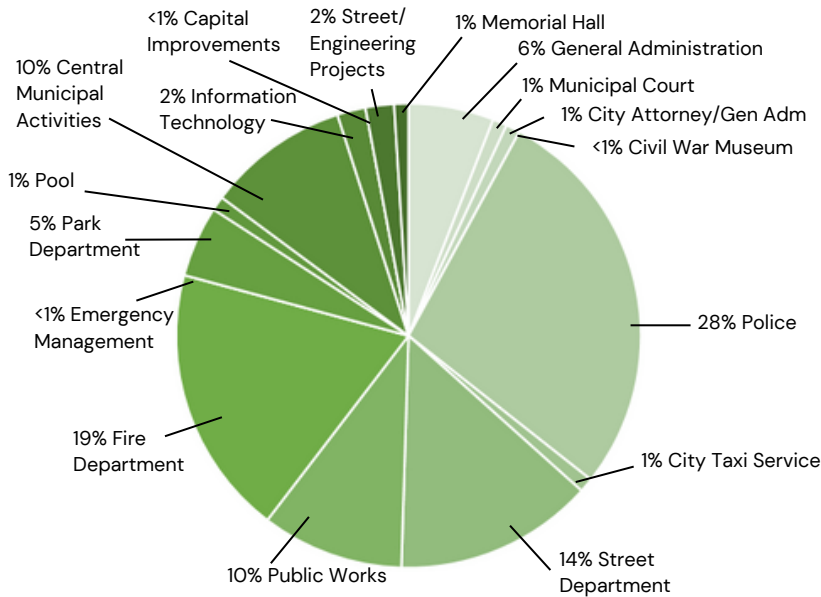
## MARIJUANA TAX EXPLAINED

The State of Missouri currently collects an additional 6% sales tax on purchases of recreational marijuana.

If voters approve the Marijuana Tax, the City of Carthage will collect an additional 3% sales tax on purchases of recreational marijuana.

The funds collected from the tax would be allocated to the City's general fund.

## GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT



# 3%

Additional sales tax on recreational marijuana

## \$50,000 – \$100,000

In projected revenue in the first year of the tax



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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### WHAT WOULD MARIJUANA TAX MEAN FOR CARTHAGE RESIDENTS?

Recreational marijuana has only been legal in Missouri for a short time, and it is difficult to accurately estimate how much annual revenue the tax would generate.

If voters approve of the Marijuana Tax, the tax would go into effect October 1, 2023. It is estimated that the City of Carthage would collect between approximately \$50,000 and \$100,000 in the first year of the tax.

### WHAT IS RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA?

In November 2022, Missouri voters passed a constitutional amendment allowing the sale and use of marijuana for personal use for those that are of 21 years of age and over.

The State of Missouri charges a 6% sales tax on legal purchases of recreational marijuana. In addition, cities and counties have the option to charge a sales tax of up to 3% with voter approval.

### WHO PAYS THE RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA SALES TAX?

Only people purchasing recreational marijuana in Carthage at a state-licensed store would pay the 3% city sales tax.

### HOW MUCH REVENUE COULD THE RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA TAX BRING TO CARTHAGE?

Recreational marijuana has only been legal in Missouri for a short time, and it is difficult to accurately estimate how much annual revenue the tax would generate. Estimates show that the tax would generate \$50,000 - \$100,000 annually.

### HOW WOULD THE CITY SPEND THE MONEY?

Any revenues from a recreational marijuana tax would be allocated to the City's General Fund. This fund allows the City the flexibility to put the money into city services needed most as they can change from year to year.

### WOULD THE 3% INCREASE APPLY TO MARIJUANA PURCHASED FOR MEDICAL USE?

No. If voters approve the Marijuana Tax, the additional 3% sale tax would only apply to marijuana purchased for recreational use.

### WHEN WILL RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA SALES BE LEGAL?

Licensed dispensaries approved for retail sales began selling recreational marijuana in Missouri on February 3, 2023.

### HOW MANY DISPENSARIES ARE IN THE CITY LIMITS OF CARTHAGE?

There is one dispensary located in the City of Carthage.



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