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Municipal Tax/Tax Rate Questions, 1993–Fall 2017 Ballots

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	occupational tax on live dealer gaming tables																									pass		
Blue River	Property tax for road improvement															fail												
	Raise taxes and eliminate property tax																fail											
	2.5% sales tax																			fail								
	2.5% use tax on building materials and motor vehicles																			fail								
	3.4% accommodations tax																			pass								
	2.5% sales tax																										pass	
Boulder	Authority for occupation tax in lieu of franchise fee	pass																										
	Trash tax increase (to max. of \$5 per month residential; \$1 per c.y. commercial); plus \$6 million general obligation bond, for recycling program		pass																									
	Education excise tax on new residential construction (\$3.43 per s.f.) for school construction		pass																									
	Sales tax increase (.25%), employer occupational privilege tax (\$4.83 per employee per month), employee occupational privilege tax (\$4.83 per employee per month) and transportation excise tax (\$2.40 per square foot commercial; \$941 per dwelling unit) for transit improvements			fail																								
	Accommodation tax increase (2.75%), plus \$16 million general obligation bond for converting Boulder Theater to conference facility			fail																								
	Sales tax increase (.25%) for park land acquisition for passive and active recreational uses, and park and recreational development, renovation, and refurbishment			pass																								
	Sales/use (.15%), and property tax increase for public safety facilities and services						pass																					
	Sales/use tax increase on telecommunications services and repeal of telephone utility occupation tax						fail																					
	Excise tax increase on new development						fail																					
	Tax increase of up to \$2 million from restructuring of development excise taxes to pay for transportation, housing, parks and rec, libraries, fire, police, human services, and other municipal facilities							pass																				
	Increase sales and use tax by 0.09 for affordable housing									fail																		
	Extension of existing .15% sales tax for public safety											fail																
	Increase taxes by \$3.7 million for open space purposes												pass															
	Increase taxes by \$3.7 million for general fund services												pass															
	Temporary 1-year 1.5% sales tax for fire training center															pass												
	Climate Action Plan tax (on consumption of electricity)															pass												
Extension of .38% sales & use tax																	pass											
Increase accommodation tax to 7.5% for general expenses of govt																				pass								
3% utility occupation for 5 years																					pass							

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Cortez	Sales tax increase (.5%) for recreation center		fail																								
	Increase taxes by the imposition of 1.75 mills for a regional library authority for the Cortez public library												fail														
Crawford	Mill levy increase																								fail		
	mill levy increase for capital improvements																									fail	
Craig	New .75% sales tax to replace the .75% countywide sales tax which was transferred to Moffat County						fail																				
	Sales tax increase from 2 to 2.5%, effective 1/1/00							pass																			
	Taxes increased by \$46,000 for sidewalk improvements												fail														
	6.9% lodging tax for capital improvements, economic development, maintenance, tourism marketing and community beautification																										
	1.5% increase in sales tax to support city operations and capital improvements																										fail
	1.75% Sales tax increase																										pass
Crested Butte	0.5% sales and use tax increase for parks and rec																								fail		
	0.5% sales and use tax increase for parks and rec																								pass		
	5% vacation rental tax for affordable housing																									pass	
Crestone	Sales tax increase of 3% on tangible personal property								pass																		
Cripple Creek	Taxes increased by \$50,000 for Community of Caring Foundation											pass															
	Extension of existing .3% sales tax for Community of Caring Foundation															pass											
	Up to \$5/day occupation tax for marketing, tourism promotion and advertising																									fail	
	6% lodging tax																									fail	
	6% lodging tax for economic dev and tourism																										pass
Dacono	New admission tax (3%)		fail																								
	New admission tax (3%)				pass																						
	3% lodging tax for economic development																fail										
	3% lodging tax for economic development																								fail		
	3% lodging tax for economic development																									pass	
DeBeque	Fire protection general improvement district taxes increased by imposition of an ad valorem property tax not to exceed 5 mills												fail														
	\$2 per day occupation tax																pass										
	3% use tax on building materials and automobiles																								fail		
	Increase by \$200,000 by a use tax on construction and building materials at 3%																					pass					
	New 5% retail marijuana tax																							pass			
	5% on medical marijuana																									pass	
Deer Trail	3% sales and use tax for streets															fail											
	New sales tax for basic town services																							fail			

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	Increase Evans volunteer firefighters pension from \$450 to \$550/month												pass													
Fairplay	Sales tax increase on tangible personal property and services for street improvements					pass																				
Federal Heights	Increase of sales tax by 1% for general fund										pass															
	4% admission tax on entertainment/amusement																						pass			
	5% tax on retail marijuana which may be adjusted up to 10%																									
	5% excise tax, may be increased up to 10%, for mj related costs																									pass
Firestone	Impose lodging occupation tax of \$2.00 per day per occupied room for open space									pass																
	Extend existing sales tax to domestic food purchases										fail															
	Extend sales tax to food sales											fail														
	Increase sales tax and extend to food														fail											
	1% sales tax increase for 15 years for parks, streets, drainage and equipment																				fail					
	Increase sales tax by 1% for streets and parks																					pass				
	Increases sales tax by .6% for public safety																									pass
Fleming	Increase taxes by imposition of sales tax at rate of 2%																				pass					
Florence	Increase sales and use tax from 2 to 2.5% for special recreational district													pass												
	Extend 0.5% sales and use tax for street improvements until Dec. 31, 2025																							pass		
	5% excise tax on wholesale marijuana																								pass	
Fort Collins	Extend sales tax for capital improvements					pass																				
	Increase sales and use tax .36% for transportation programs							fail																		
	Increase sales and use tax by .29% for performing arts center, new library, and museum facilities									fail																
	Continuation of existing 0.25% sales and use tax for open space										pass															
	Increase sales tax by 0.25% and construction excise tax by 1% for capital improvement projects										fail															
	Increase taxes for transportation capital improvement projects											fail														
	Increase taxes by \$2.5 million for new construction/reconstruction											fail														
	Eliminate 2.25% sales tax on food for home consumption													fail												
	Extend 0.25% sales and use tax for street maintenance program													pass												
	Increase taxes \$6,200,00 by extending an existing sales and use tax of 0.25%													pass												
	Increase sales and use tax to 3.85% for transportation, police, street maintenance, fire, parks and rec																			pass						

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	Impose excise tax on new residential development (at building permit time) and permit council to waive or reduce excise tax on affordable housing									fail																
	Sales tax increase of .25% for a period of 5 years for transportation projects										fail															
	Increase tax for open space, wildlife habitat, wetlands 3% lodging tax											fail							pass							
Lyons	0.75% increase of sales & use tax for debt services, municipal operations and capital projects																		fail							
	3.5% retail marijuana tax with authorization to adjust up to 0.5% sales tax increase																							pass		
	5% excise tax on retail marijuana with authorization to																							pass		
Mancos	Increase sales tax by 1%								pass																	
	\$10/transaction occupation tax for retail marijuana																							pass		
Manitou Springs	Property tax increase (\$50,000) for bus service		fail																							
	Sales tax increase from 3.5% to 3.6% for acquisition and care of open space and scenic vistas (will expire after 12 years)			pass																						
	Ad valorem mill levy increase (8/10ths of a mill) for acquisition and care of open space and scenic vistas (will expire after 12 years)			pass																						
	Ad valorem mill levy increase (8/10ths of a mill for repair and improvement of public works (expire after 12 years)			pass																						
	Mill levy increase to fund purchase, improvement, and maintenance of new park land					pass																				
	Increase sales tax for 1998-2000 to design and develop a mineral spring spa pool at the city swimming pool					pass																				
	Sales tax increase for years 1998-2000 to fund the Manitou Springs design project master plan and construction documentation					fail																				
	Increase general sales tax by .18% to purchase land commonly known as the Higginbotham Flats							pass																		
	Increase property tax to replace public facilities damaged by flood							pass																		
	Increase tax rates to offset the tax cuts if Amendment 21 is enacted								fail																	
	Increase property tax not to exceed 4 mills for library district																					pass				
	Authorization to spend El Paso Blvd/Beckers Lane Park Fund for parks throughout city																					pass				
	Sales tax on retail marijuana of 5 percent--with possible																					pass				
	Extend property tax to December 31, 2032																							pass		

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	Extend sales tax to December 31, 2032																								pass	
Mead	Sales tax increase of 1%								fail																	
	Increase taxes \$36,500 with occupation tax of \$2.00/day												fail													
	Lodging tax for general fund													pass												
Meeker	1% sales and use tax for municipal purposes and services						fail																			
Merino	Adoption on 2% sales and use tax for general fund																		fail							
Milliken	Sales tax increase for community center	fail																								
	Sales and use tax increase (.5%) for community center		pass																							
	Extend 0.5% sales and use tax earmarked for capital improvements								fail																	
	Increase sales & use tax to 3.5% for 10 years for streets																		fail							
	1% sales and use tax increase for 10 years for streets																							fail		
	Occupation tax \$10 per transaction on retail marijuana																							pass		
Minturn	4% use tax on construction and building materials				fail																					
	Increase taxes \$300,000 by imposition of a 4% use tax													fail												
	Increase taxes \$30,000 by imposition of a 1.5% lodging tax													pass												
	4% use tax on building materials																		fail							
Moffat	Adopt a 2% sales tax							pass																		
	Extension of sales tax to include food																		pass							
Monte Vista	Sales tax increase (1%)		pass																							
	Use tax on motor vehicles, manufactured homes, trailers											fail														
	18% excise tax on medical/retail mj with earmarks for police and capital improvement																									pass
Montezuma	Adopt a 2% sales tax							pass																		
Montrose	Sales and use tax increase (1%) pledged to Montrose Library District for new library and higher education center; after first year, rate decreases .5%; expected to sunset in 1999		pass																							
	Temporary .5% sales and use tax increase to benefit school district						fail																			
	Sales and use tax increase of .5% for school facilities									pass																
	Mill levy not to exceed 5 mills for Montrose DDA																		pass							

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	New lodging tax										pass															
	Increase sales tax by 0.6% (from 3 to 3.6%) for park purposes													pass												
	Reallocation of lodging tax to 100% tourism and economic development																			fail						
	Increase lodging tax to 3.5% of amount charged for providing lodging																							pass		
Rifle	Sales and use tax increase (.75%) for exposition/events center		fail																							
	Sales and use tax increase to fund new rec facility					fail																				
	Increase sales tax .5% to 3% for streets, parks and sidewalks							fail																		
	Increase sales and use tax by 0.5% (from 2.5% to 3%)									fail																
	1-cent sales tax slated for parks and rec improvements													pass												
	2.5% lodging tax for improvements, beautification and promotion of the city														pass											
	Increase sales and use tax by 0.75% for water treatment facilities																				pass					
	Sales tax increase of 0.74% to fund recreation, health, 5% retail marijuana tax																					fail		pass		
Rocky Ford	Property tax rate increase (4 mills) for employee salaries		fail																							
	Property tax increase of 4 mills to fund curb, sidewalk, and gutter improvements				fail																					
	Increase sales tax by 1% to 4% to fund physical improvements in downtown city district																					pass				
	1% sales tax for streets																								fail	
	3 year 1% increase in sales tax for infrastructure																									pass
	6% sales tax on recreational mj																									pass
Romeo	Sales tax increase of 2% to fund dog problem, town equipment and repairs									fail																
Saguache	Increase sales tax from 2% to 3%									fail																
	1% sales tax increase for law enforcement																								pass	
Salida	1% sales tax increase, property tax decrease																				pass					
	New occupational lodging tax																				pass					
San Luis	Sales tax increase of 1% (\$30,000) for capital improvements									fail																
	1% sales tax increase for street improvements														pass											
Sawpit	New sales tax (3%)		pass																							
Sedgwick	\$4/day lodging tax																								pass	
	\$5/transaction occupation tax in retail marijuana stores																							pass		

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	\$100/transaction occupation tax on unprocessed retail marijuana from cultivation facility																						pass			
	2% excise tax on retail marijuana																								pass	
Sheridan	Mill levy increase for public works, police, fire	fail																								
	New use tax (3.5%)		fail																							
	Use tax increase on purchase of building materials and					fail																				
	Use tax for police, fire and streets											pass														
	Head tax											pass														
	Admission tax of 25 cents on price of each admission to events and entertainment venues														fail											
	Admission tax of \$.25 on price of each admission to events & entertainment venues														pass											
	Adoption of 5.5% lodging tax																									
	Adoption of \$1.75/ton excise tax on junk and salvaged materials																									
	5% excise tax on retail and grow marijuana																								fail	
	5% excise tax on mj to pay for public safety related to mj regulation																									pass
Silt	Use tax increase (1%)		pass																							
	RFTA tax of .04% plus \$10 vehicle registration fee												fail													
	Occupation tax to charge \$2.50 per night on lodging												fail													
	3.5% excise tax on retail sales and grow of marijuana																								pass	
Silver Cliff	(combined issue with Westcliffe and Custer County)														fail											
	Impose 7.5 mills property tax for town's operating costs																									
	Increase property tax 3.186 mils																								fail	
	10% sales tax and 10% excise tax on retail marijuana																								pass	
Silver Plume	Raise mill levy by 4.569 mills to fund Clear Creek Fire Authority																									
	4% retail marijuana tax with authorization to adjust up to 8%																							pass		
Silverthorne	New 2% lodgers tax, with revenues to be used for trails, parks, open space and marketing						pass																			
	Increase property tax 5 mills							fail																		
	Impose excise tax on new construction							fail																		
	Tax increase of \$1,315,000 annually through a \$2 per sq. ft. development excise tax								pass																	
	Excise tax on retail marijuana of 5% to fund mental health																					pass				
Silverton	1% sales tax increase																									
	1% sales tax increase for retail marijuana for enforcement and regulation of the industry and public health programs																							pass		

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	Extend 1% sales & lodging tax for marketing and capital improvement projects																pass										
	Extend through 7/1/2017 1% sales and lodging tax with 1/2 devoted to marketing and 1/2 for capital improvements																				pass						
	2% sales tax for public transit																							pass			
	Extend indefinitely 1% sales & lodging tax for marketing and capital improvement projects																								pass		
Woodland Park	Use tax increase	fail																									
	Impose a 5.7% lodging tax										pass																
	\$.01 sales tax increase for Rec Center																			fail							
	5.7% existing lodging tax may be used for economic enhancement & sustainability																						pass				
	1.09% sales tax increase for Woodland Park School																								pass		
Wray	Sales tax increase (1%)			pass																							
	Extension of 1% sales tax for community improvements					pass																					
	Extension of .5% sales tax for public improvements																						pass				
	Property tax increase by 0.5 mill for fire pension fund																							pass			
Yampa	Property tax increase not to exceed 15.6 mills for law enforcement			fail																							
	Sales tax increase of 2% to raise an additional \$23,000									pass																	
Yuma	Increase sales tax by 1% for community center							fail																			
	Tax increase for municipal sewer and storm drainage system											pass															
	5% lodging tax																								fail		
TOTALS		Pass	10	23	17	18	22	13	29	24	12	30	25	23	19	10	14	23	16	26	13	24	25	43	44	42	36
		Fail	7	22	14	10	19	19	20	25	14	27	12	21	20	12	11	14	12	16	7	6	14	18	5	28	10
		Totals	17	45	31	28	41	32	49	49	26	57	37	44	39	22	25	37	28	42	20	30	39	61	49	70	46

CUMULATIVE TOTALS:

PASS 581

FAIL 383

TOTAL 964 (60.3% approval rate)