

Why TEA (Taxed Enough Already) opposes the Broken Arrow 2026 Sales Tax Increase

- **If passed this increase will place us in the top 1% of sales tax rates imposed on citizens.** The combined sales tax rate for Broken Arrow citizens living in Wagoner County will exceed 10% - 10.1%. There is something inherently wrong with a double-digit sales tax rate! This is higher than most folks tithe to their churches.
- **The ONLY major city in the US with a higher rate is Chicago at 10.25%.** Citizens of BA do not want to live in Chicago, and we don't want to be taxed regressively like that! **Don't Chicago our Broken Arrow!**
- **For those living in Tulsa County, the combined rate will be nearly 9% - 8.917%** This is far above the average sales tax rate of 7.53% incurred by Americans.
- **For a family of four, this tax will cost over \$1,760.** This regressive, anti-family tax would cost approximately \$441 per person over the 5-year life. Styling this as a "half-penny" is disingenuous.
- **This is an unnecessary tax** to replace sports facilities. This is not needed for necessary provisions like roads, police, or fire protection. The City should live within its budget. Alternate funding, including raising user fees, redirecting other spending or obtaining private donations can be used to make improvements.
- **This will probably become a permanent tax.** Despite the City claiming that this is a 5-year tax, history shows that most temporary taxes are rolled over into other permanent taxes – as was the Vision 2025 tax.

SUMMARY: In the words of Ronald Reagan: Read my lips" "no new taxes". We are taxed enough already. In the spirit of the Boston Tea Party, we are rising to oppose oppressive taxes. **Please vote for family and conservative values and vote NO April 7 to this tax grab.**

NOTES:

As of early 2026, the nationwide population-weighted average combined state and local sales tax rate in the United States is approximately **7.53%**.



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Calculation of cost per capita: City states collections will total about \$53M, divided by current population of 120,000 = \$441.67