

TOWN HALL MEETINGS

On The April 5th Ballot

March 23, 2016 - 7:00 PM

John F. Kennedy Center

March 30, 2016 - 7:00 PM

James J. Eagan Center



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# What Is The Problem Proposition B Addresses?

Our Local Car Dealers are being put at an economic disadvantage because car purchases outside of the state will not be taxed the same as vehicles bought from Missouri dealers. They will lose business and our community will lose tax revenue.

**IMPORTANT:** If you purchase a car in Missouri you will pay NO ADDITIONAL TAX if Proposion B is approved.

### **What Caused This Problem?**

In 2012 the Missouri Supreme court reversed the practice that had been in place for many decades of charging sales tax on out-of-state vehicle purchases the same as for in state purchases. The State Legislature passed a temporary measure to close the tax loophole this created, but they require city residents across Missouri to ratify that measure at the ballot by the end of 2016; otherwise the tax loophole on cars, motorcycles, boats, trailers, campers, and RVs will remain open forever and that city will not be able to reverse it. Many other cities and counties in the state have already passed similar propositions.



## **What Does Prop B Say?**

Shall the City of Florissant, Missouri continue applying and collecting the local sales tax on the titling of motor vehicles, trailers, boats, and outboard motors that were purchased from a source other than a licensed Missouri dealer? Rejection of this measure will result in a reduction of local revenue to provide for vital services for the residents of Florissant, Missouri and it will place Missouri dealers of motor vehicles, outboard motors, boats, and trailers at a competitive disadvantage to non-Missouri dealers of motor vehicles, outboard motors, boats, and trailers.

A YES vote passes the measure and closes the loophole and provides a level playing field for Missouri Auto Dealers and prevents a loss of revenue needed to provide municipal services to Florissant Residents. A NO vote means the city would lose revenue and our car

dealers would be at a competitive disadvantage to those in adjoining states.

## **Other Issues On The Ballot**

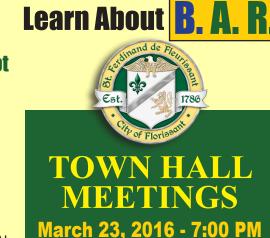


#### **PROPOSITION R**

Would increase the fee for a RENTAL license fee to \$50 per unit to cover the cost of seeing that rental property is properly maintained. One of the biggest challenges the city faces is in tracking down the owners of rental properties to be able to notify them of any issues that need addressed. This fee will help defer that cost.

#### **PROPOSITION A**

This would allow the city to charge a \$200 registration fee to any owner of property that has been VACANT for more than six months. This will help the city pay for the cost for obtaining ownership information on abandoned or vacant property and to address problems created by vacant property.





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