

Kaysville City
RAMP Tax Discussion with City Council
August 5, 2021



Thank you all for your service. It's not until an ordinary citizen is elected and actually sits in your chairs that they realize you are not in this for the money or recognition.

As you're aware, nearly every surrounding city in Davis County currently has a very small sales tax on discretionary purchases (not including purchases of groceries, gas, and services). There are various names each city has for this sales tax, but suffice it to say that many refer to it as a RAMP tax, standing for Recreation, Arts, Museum and Parks. The state legislature-approved tax equates to 1 (one) cent on every \$10 (ten) dollars of discretionary spending, which is then spent on RAMP projects. For example, if a Kaysville citizen eats dinner in Layton and spends \$30, Layton City collects 3 cents for its RAMP projects. Every adjacent city to Kaysville does the same. But when citizens from adjacent communities spend \$30 eating in Kaysville, Kaysville City does not currently receive the 3 cents for its Parks & Rec, Museum and Arts programs. I won't do the math for you, but now imagine a Kaysville citizen buying a car in Ogden and funding Ogden's RAMP tax projects, but Kaysville City receives no type of RAMP benefit when an Ogden citizen buys an RV in Kaysville. Kaysville is missing out as all of its sister cities are benefiting. **Simply put, It's Our Turn.**

- A. Brief introduction of citizens interested in the RAMP initiative
- B. Brief history of meetings to date
- C. Five current citizen recommendations to the City Council (I have a copy for you)
 - 1. It is recommended that in your next council meeting the Kaysville City Council **approves language** to put the RAMP Initiative up for citizen vote on the November 2021 ballot.
 - 2. It is further recommended that an independent citizen committee ("***RAMP Committee***") be formed with balanced representation from the four RAMP disciplines (Parks and Rec Advisory Board, Museum Board and the Arts community), and whose members also fairly represent a cross section of the city geography.
 - 3. It is also recommended that this RAMP Committee be charged with creating a recommendation to the city council for implementation of a RAMP allocation and distribution plan. It is important that the community see citizen input and not perceive the allocation recommendations are determined by the city, especially since the council will make the final decision.
 - 4. We recommend that the RAMP Committee be transparent to the citizens of Kaysville regarding its findings and recommendations and have a system in place to receive input from citizens (i.e. post-election survey).
 - 5. And finally, we recommend complete and detailed transparency during the city budgeting process regarding the use of RAMP funds.

We are anxious to educate and inform Kaysville voters as to the opportunity Kaysville has at this time to join the ranks of its community neighbors with passage of the RAMP initiative. Simply put, It's Our Turn.