

LAS ANIMAS COUNTY

KARRIE L. APPLE
COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER

200 East First Street, Room 207
Trinidad, Colorado 81082

COORDINATED ELECTION

**The Election within Las Animas County will be conducted
As a Mail Ballot Election on November 4, 2025 from
7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.**

TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

**NOTICE OF ELECTION
TO EXTEND TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE**

THIS IS NOT A BALLOT

THIS PAMPHLET CONTAINS
SUMMARY STATEMENTS FOR
BALLOT PROPOSITIONS AS
REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF
COLORADO CONSTITUTION,
ARTICLE X, SECTION 20.

“A ‘YES’ VOTE ON ANY BALLOT
ISSUE IS A VOTE IN FAVOR OF
CHANGING CURRENT LAW OR
EXISTING CIRCUMSTANCES, AND A
‘NO’ VOTE ON ANY BALLOT ISSUE IS
A VOTE AGAINST CHANGING
CURRENT LAW OR EXISTING
CIRCUMSTANCES”

YOUR LOCAL ELECTION OFFICE IS:

LAS ANIMAS COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER
OFFICE HOURS 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
200 East First Street, Room 207
Trinidad, Colorado 81082
Telephone: (719) 845-2575

All eligible, registered voters will receive a ballot in the mail.

**Ballots may be returned to the election office by mail or
dropped off at the VSPC.**

**LAS ANIMAS COUNTY VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER
(VSPC)**

**Ballot replacement, in person voting, and walk in drop off
location**

The following location will be open during their regular business hours
for ballot drop off, ballot replacement, new ballot, new registration,
and to vote in-person, offering ADA accessibility.

Las Animas County Courthouse
Clerk and Recorder's Office
200 East First Street, Room 207
Trinidad, Colorado 81082

Monday-Friday, October 20 - November 3
8:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.
Saturday, November 1
10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.
Tuesday, November 4 (Election Day)
7:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Deadline for Return of Ballot:
November 4, 2025 7:00 P.M.

****Postmarks do NOT count as received.****

24 HOUR DROP-OFF LOCATION

Las Animas Courthouse
200 E. First Street, Courtyard Driveway
South side of the Courthouse
Trinidad, CO 81082

Trinidad City Hall, Outside Utilities Office
135 N. Animas St.
Trinidad, CO 81082

October 20 – November 3, 2025
Open 24 hours
Tuesday, ELECTION DAY, (November 4, 2025)
Open until 7:00 P.M.

**THE 2025 COORDINATED ELECTION WILL BE CONDUCTED AS
A MAIL BALLOT ELECTION.**

Mail Ballots will be sent to each "Active" voter in Las Animas County.
We will begin mailing ballots out on October 10, 2025. If you do not
receive a ballot – Please call the Las Animas County Election Office
at (719) 845-2575. The ballots are due back in the elections office by
7:00 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 4, 2025.

GENERAL INFORMATION

This voter information pamphlet contains referendum appearing on
your 2025 Coordinated Election ballot.

The title and text of the referendum are printed in full, and may be
accompanied by two summaries of up to 500 words each, for and

against the measures. For some measures, current and recent fiscal year
spending figures are included. For others, tax increase estimates or bonded
debt repayment costs within a particular district have been submitted.

The mailing and content of this notice are mandated by an amendment to
Article X, Section 20 (TABOR) of the Colorado Constitution.

THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION PROVIDING THIS VOTERS'
INFORMATION NOTICE DOES NOT WARRANT THE ACCURACY OR
TRUTH OF ANY STATEMENT MADE IN THE SUMMARIES, NOR IS IT
RESPONSIBLE FOR ERRORS IN SPELLING, GRAMMAR, OR
PUNCTUATION OF SUBMITTED STATEMENTS. RECEIPT OF THIS
VOTERS' INFORMATION PAMPHLET DOES NOT NECESSARILY
MEAN THAT EVERY RESIDENT OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD IS ELIGIBLE
TO VOTE ON EVERY MEASURE.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS CONCERNING VOTING PROCEDURES, OR
YOUR ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE, REFER INITIALLY TO THE
INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS NOTICE. FURTHER DETAILS MAY
BE OBTAINED BY CONTACTING YOUR LOCAL ELECTION OFFICE
LISTED BELOW OR GO TO WWW.GOVOTECOLORADO.GOV.

Las Animas County Elections (719) 845-2575

IMPORTANT VOTING INFORMATION

You may cast your ballot by any one of the following methods:

- By mail via your Mail ballot
- In person at a Voter Service and Polling Center Location

On Election Day there will be 1 strategically located Voter Service and
Polling Center in Las Animas County. A Voter Service and Polling Center
is designed to provide voters with maximum flexibility and convenience.
Voters may go to this Voter Service and Polling Center in the county to
cast their ballots. Precinct specific polling places will not be used. At the
Voter Service and Polling Center you will be required to show valid ID such
as a driver's license.

We will begin mailing ballots out the week of October 10, 2025. The last
day that ballots will be mailed out is Monday October 27, 2025. Ballots
may be mailed or deposited at the Ballot Drop-off Locations. Ballots must
be RECEIVED by 7:00 P.M. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 4, 2025.
POSTMARKED DATES DO NOT COUNT AS RECEIVED.

TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

NOTICE OF ELECTION ON A REFERRED MEASURE

CITY OF TRINIDAD

Election Date: Tuesday, November 4, 2025
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:
City Clerk's Office
135 N Animas Street
Trinidad, CO 81082
Telephone: (719) 846-9843

REFERRED BALLOT MEASURE 2A:

WITHOUT RAISING ADDITIONAL TAXES, SHALL THE EXISTING
ONE PERCENT SALES TAX (ORIGINALLY APPROVED 45 YEARS
AGO IN 1980 AND EXTENDED SIX TIMES SINCE BY A VOTE OF
THE PEOPLE) BE EXTENDED FROM ITS CURRENT EXPIRATION
OF DECEMBER 31, 2026, FOR AN INDEFINITE TERM, AS A
VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE EXTENSION UNDER ARTICLE X,
SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY
OTHER APPLICABLE LAW, WHICH CONSTITUTES NO OTHER
CHANGES TO THE VOTER-APPROVED TAX; WITH THE
PROCEEDS CONTINUING TO BE USED SOLELY FOR CAPITAL
PROJECTS, INCLUDING THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE
AND IMPROVEMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, SUCH AS:

- CREATION AND MAINTENANCE OF TRAILS, SKATEPARK REPAIRS, DOG PARK IMPROVEMENTS, PICKLEBALL COURTS, CENTRAL PARK GRANDSTANDS, MONUMENT LAKE BATHHOUSE;
- SPACE TO CREATE, FOX THEATRE RENOVATION, ALLEY A DEVELOPMENT, FIRST STREET;
- SIDEWALK REPAIRS FOR DISABLED ACCESS, LED STREET LIGHTING, PAVING, STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENTS

LEVERAGED WITH GRANT FUNDS TO MAXIMIZE PROJECT SCOPE AND IMPACT, AND FOR THE PURCHASE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS, AND CAPITAL PURCHASES, AS DETERMINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL?

YES/FOR NO/AGAINST

ACTUAL HISTORICAL AND CURRENT ESTIMATED FISCAL YEAR SPENDING INFORMATION:

ANNUAL ESTIMATED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT TAX COLLECTED IS \$2.4 MILLION. ACTUAL HISTORICAL AND CURRENT INFORMATION BELOW INCLUDES GRANT FUNDS USED TO LEVERAGE THE \$2.4 MILLION.

YEAR	FISCAL YEAR SPENDING
2021(ACTUAL)	\$3,578,576.62
2022 (ACTUAL)	\$9,056,273.95
2023 (ACTUAL)	\$9,631,782.31
2024 (ACTUAL)	\$6,850,549.87
2025 (CURRENT YEAR ESTIMATED)	\$37,690,000.00

OVERALL PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN FISCAL YEAR SPENDING OVER THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD FROM 2021 THROUGH 2025: 953%

OVERALL DOLLAR CHANGE IN FISCAL YEAR SPENDING OVER THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD FROM 2021 THROUGH 2025: \$34,111,423.38

ESTIMATED 2025 FISCAL YEAR SPENDING WITHOUT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE TAX INCREASE AUTHORIZED BY THE BALLOT PROPOSAL: \$0.00 UNLESS PROJECTS ARE NOT COMPLETE, IN WHICH CASE THE RESERVES WOULD BE COMPLETELY EXHAUSTED.

ESTIMATED 2026 TAX INCREASE AUTHORIZED BY THE BALLOT PROPOSAL: \$0.00

SUMMARY OF WRITTEN COMMENTS FOR BALLOT ISSUE 2A:

This is not a new tax. The 1% capital improvement sales tax has been in place since 1980 and for the past 45 years has given the City the ability to complete capital construction projects for the benefit of the community. In the 2025 budget it is estimated that this tax will generate approximately \$2,400,000 annually in tax dollars. Projects that have been completed with this tax in recent years include the new pickleball courts, the skatepark, the dog park, the Space to Create facility and the renovation of our Central Park ballfields. This funding also makes it possible for the City to do ADA sidewalk and street improvements, paving improvements, the upgrade and improvement of City buildings and drainage improvements. Throughout the years as the community has asked the City to invest in new infrastructure and new amenities, it is this 1% capital improvement sales tax that makes these projects possible.

The City does not and cannot use this funding for general government operations, it is for construction projects only and the result of the investment of these funds must be an improvement or creation of a City asset. These assets include the streets, alleys, bridges, buildings, parks, trails, public spaces, and sports fields and complexes. Each of these assets are utilized by the public and visitors to conduct business, recreation, leisure, education, cultural

events and community gathering. This funding is also used to leverage grant funding. Without the 1% capital improvement sales tax, the City would be limited in pursuing grant funding for construction projects. In the past three years, the City has secured approximately \$6,800,000 in grant funding by utilizing this tax as matching funding. Which means if the tax generates approximately \$2,400,000 annually and the City is able to use this to leverage these dollars for grant funding then the City would be able to double this amount each year and invest this money in local projects.

If able to secure this funding source for the future the City has new projects on the horizon that include investments in the development of the river corridor, development of a comprehensive trail system, the Fox West Theatre, upgrades to City facilities, continued ADA projects and the implementation of a paving improvement plan to upgrade the City's streets. Without this funding the City will be limited in the future in their ability to deliver these projects to the citizens of Trinidad. This is not a new tax, it is essential for the City to complete construction projects for the betterment of the community, please consider authorizing the continuation of this funding.

SUMMARY OF WRITTEN COMMENTS AGAINST BALLOT ISSUE 2A:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

ATTEST: THE FOREGOING BALLOT ISSUE NOTICE IS COMPLETE AS SUBMITTED BY THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.

Karrie L. Apple



**Karrie L. Apple
LAS ANIMAS COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER**

FROM:
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OFFICIAL ELECTION MATERIAL

FOR ALL REGISTERED VOTERS IN THIS HOUSEHOLD:

THIS NOTICE IS MAILED TO EACH ADDRESS WITH ONE OR MORE
ACTIVE, REGISTERED ELECTORS. YOU MAY NOT BE ELIGIBLE
TO VOTE ON ALL ISSUES PRESENTED.

POSTMASTER, DELIVER TO

NOTICE OF ELECTION

**TO EXTEND TAXES
ON A REFERRED MEASURE**

**TO BE COUNTED
MAIL-IN BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE
COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE BY
7:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025 BY MAIL OR AT A
BALLOT DROP OFF SITE**

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