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**NOTICE OF ELECTION  
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*Town of Firestone*  
Weld County, Colorado

**Election Date:**  
**Election Hours:**

Tuesday, April 7, 2020  
7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:**

Town Clerk  
Town of Firestone  
151 Grant Avenue  
Firestone, Colorado 80520  
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**Ballot Title and Text:**

TOWN OF FIRESTONE BALLOT ISSUE NO. 2A: BALLOT QUESTION OF THE TOWN OF FIRESTONE AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE .6% SALES TAX APPROVED IN 2017 FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE POLICE AND MUNICIPAL COURT FACILITY AND TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN, AND OPERATE NEW TOWN FACILITIES WITHOUT INCREASING THE CURRENT TOTAL SALES AND USE TAX RATE OF 3.6%

WITHOUT INCREASING THE CURRENT TOTAL SALES AND USE TAX RATE OF 3.6%, SHALL THE TOWN OF FIRESTONE BE AUTHORIZED TO EXPAND THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE .6% SALES AND USE TAX (APPROVED IN 2017) CAN BE USED TO INCLUDE:

- OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE POLICE AND MUNICIPAL COURT FACILITY;
- CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF OTHER TOWN FACILITIES,

AND PROVIDED FURTHER THAT THE EXISTING LIMITATIONS IMPOSED BY THE 2017 BALLOT QUESTION, INCLUDING FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY-FIVE YEARS, SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT?

### **Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue No. 2A:**

The question is not asking for a tax increase and is not asking to extend the sales tax beyond what has already been approved by voters. In 2017, voters approved a 0.6% sales tax to fund the construction of the Police Department & Municipal Court Building. The debt for this building is being paid and there is a surplus. 2A is asking if the Town can use that surplus for maintenance of the Police Department & Municipal Court Building, and to be used for construction, operation and maintenance of other Town facilities. The earliest the debt can be paid off without a penalty is December 2026. We believe that it is in the Town's best financial interest to utilize this surplus to address Town facility needs. Every work space between Town Hall and the modular building has at least one employee in it. Code compliance and drainage issues make remodeling or expanding at the current location less financially viable than at the Central Park location. Our Public Works facility is inadequate. Much like Town Hall, there are several items that are not in building code compliance, the largest being a lack of a sanitary sewer. A remodel of the facility will extend a sanitary sewer line and improve the conditions of the existing building. An expanded facility will help the Town better maintain and protect our investments in heavy equipment. The bottom line is we have identified a way to maintain your investment in the Police Department & Municipal Court Building while addressing other needs that the Town has.

2A gives residents the chance to take advantage of a strong local economy to meet facility needs without raising or extending taxes. Unfortunately Town Hall and Public Works facilities are outdated and undersized. Both are in need of replacement or substantial improvement. Without raising taxes, 2A allows the Town to use surplus .6% revenues to meet facility needs. 2A allows the Town to properly maintain the Police building. In May 2019, after hiring a local architect to look at options for Town Hall and Public Works, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve funding for both projects. 2A is not the only funding source for this facility work. The costs for Town hall and Public Works will be also paid through Public Facility Impact Fees and tax increment financing revenues from an existing urban renewal area. You may wonder why use surplus 0.6% revenues. Doing so, even for a temporary period, will help advance a plan for athletic fields and recreational improvements in Central Park. Right now the only funding source being contemplated for Central Park improvements is TIF revenues. If those revenues have to be used for Town Hall and Public Works, it will delay the park improvements. It's important to remember that the majority of this revenue is being generated from people that don't actually live in our community. Residents from other areas contribute to this tax, helping us build important Town facilities. Vote YES on 2A!

### **Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue No. 2A:**

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.