

**Town of Lyons, Colorado  
Board of Trustees  
BOT Agenda Cover Sheet  
Agenda Item No: VII. 2  
Meeting Date: January 5, 2026**

**TO:** Mayor Rogin and Members of the Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Cassey Eyestone, Finance Director

**DATE:** 1/2/2026

**ITEM:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance 1211 - An Ordinance of the Town of Lyons, Colorado Referring a Question to the Electors of the Town of Lyons on Whether the Use Tax Shall be Increased 1% to a Maximum of 4% to be Considered Voters at the April 7, 2026, Election

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☒ ORDINANCE  
☐ MOTION / RESOLUTION  
☐ INFORMATION

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- I. **REQUEST OR ISSUE:** Discuss the proposed ballot measure language and if the Board of Trustees would like to pursue an increase in the Town of Lyons use tax.
- II. **RECOMMENDED ACTION / NEXT STEPS:** Decide if a ballot measure should be included in the 2026 Regular Municipal Election for an increase to use tax.
- III. **FISCAL IMPACTS:** Yes, if the ballot measure is pursued and approved by the Town of Lyons registered voters, additional use tax revenue would be generated. The amount could range from \$70,000 - \$81,000 in a typical building year to \$115,000 - \$148,000 in a building year with large development projects.
- IV. **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** At the October 2025 budget workshops, discussions were held as it related to potential future budget shortfalls. It was brought up that the Town's use tax rate of 3.0% did not equal the Town's sales tax rate of 4.0%, which is not typical. The Board requested to review this at a future date to discuss if an increase should be proposed. Any proposed increase would require voter approval.
- V. **LEGAL ISSUES:** None.
- VI. **CONFLICTS OR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:** N/A
- VII. **SUMMARY AND ALTERNATIVES:** The alternative would be not to pursue the ballot measure.
- XIII. **PROPOSED MOTION:** "I move to approve Ordinance 1211 on first reading. An Ordinance of the Town of Lyons, Colorado Referring a Question to the Electors of the Town of Lyons on Whether

the Use Tax Shall be Increased 1% to a Maximum of 4% to be Considered Voters at the April 7, 2026, Election.”