

# **SMITH COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1**

## **LINDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

### **Questions and Answers**

To decide the future of your fire protection and first response emergency medical services.

#### **What are we talking about?**

A proposition to levy 1.5% sales and use tax in the Smith County Emergency Services District No. 1

#### **Who can decide?**

The registered voters in the district will vote on this proposition

#### **How is this money to be used?**

As part of Lindale Volunteer Five Year-Ten Year Plan, the Commissioners have determined three areas that need to be addressed in order to continue providing effective and timely fire and first response medical services: paid staffing to supplement the volunteer effort, equipment to replace existing and aging vehicles, and establishing new substations in rapidly expanding growth areas.

While Lindale area residents are very active and well represented in volunteer efforts in the area, it is increasingly difficult to recruit, train and retain enough individuals who can commit to this highly trained and physically demanding role on a volunteer only basis.

The sales and use tax revenue may not pay for all of the above, but it will provide the foundation to effectively plan for the future.

#### **How much money will the sales tax provide and how is it collected?**

It is estimated that the tax will provide around \$250,000 annually. It is collected when someone buys a taxable item or service. If this proposition is approved, a \$50 purchase will have an additional \$0.75 tax

#### **Will this affect my property taxes?**

No. This is a separate source of revenue funding and for SCESD No. 1 and Lindale Volunteer Fire Department.

The District does not advocate for or against this proposition, you the taxpayer will decide on May 06, 2023, early voting will begin April 24, 2023 and will end May 02, 2023-VOTE AND MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD