

McPherson County EMS Sales Tax Ballot Measure

City of Lindsborg Impact Report

November 4, 2025

On August 18, 2025, the McPherson County Commission approved Resolution No. 2025-16, authorizing a special question to appear on the November 4, 2025, ballot.

Voters will be asked to consider a one-half percent (0.5%) county retailers' sales tax dedicated to:
"Funding certain improvements to the capital equipment and facilities and general operating expenses of emergency medical services."

If approved, sales tax proceeds will be distributed to the following emergency medical service providers:

City of McPherson
City of Lindsborg
City of Moundridge
Rural Fire District #1 Ambulance (Canton)
Rural Fire District #2 Ambulance (Marquette)

Recent County Sales Tax Revenue Trends

Time Period	Revenue
July 2023 – June 2024	\$3,778,870
July 2024 – June 2025	\$3,976,332
Annual Increase	5.23%

Estimated Split of Proposed Tax (\$4,000,000)

Entity	Estimated Allocation	Percentage
McPherson City	\$2,120,000	53%
Lindsborg City	\$720,000	18%
Moundridge City	\$560,000	14%
FD #1 – Canton	\$360,000	9%
FD #2 – Marquette	\$280,000	7%

Tax Duration

If approved, the sales tax would begin on April 1, 2026, and remain in effect for five (5) years.

Lindsborg EMS Expenditures

The City of Lindsborg currently budgets \$607,752 for ambulance services, \$331,297 of which is funded through Lindsborg Ad Valorem tax (property tax), as well as \$131,000 which is funded via an appropriation from McPherson County.

Potential Mill Levy Impact

If approved, each community receiving funds has estimated the property tax reduction in their respective community. The County has also estimated a property tax reduction as currently their EMS appropriation is funded through Ad Valorem tax.

The proposed sales tax appropriation would completely fund EMS services for the City of Lindsborg. One City of Lindsborg mill is valued at \$33,818.94, that equates to a 9.80 mill reduction. Lindsborg would aim to completely reduce the mill levy by this amount, barring any unforeseen circumstances in other core functions or responsibilities of the city.

Appraised Value	Taxed Amount (11.5%)	One Mill Value
\$10,000	\$1,150	\$1.50
\$160,0000	\$18,400	\$18.40
\$180,000 (Median.)	\$20,700	\$20.70
\$200,000	\$23,000	\$23.00
\$220,000	\$25,300	\$25.30

The median household could receive a \$202.86 property tax reduction from the City of Lindsborg. Each household could also receive a reduction from McPherson County that is not accounted for in this figure.

Current Sales Tax

Kansas State Average: **8.78%**

Current Sales Tax: **9.5%**

Proposed Total Sales Tax: **10%**

Potential Sales Tax Impact

There are no firm estimates on the average amount of household spending on taxable goods, but a few notable limitations include rent, mortgage, and car payments.

Consumer Spending	Tax Applied (0.5%)
\$20,000	\$100
\$30,000	\$150
\$40,000	\$200
\$50,000	\$250