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**Ferguson City Council Places Business License Utility Tax ‘Increase on August 2 Ballot**

(FERGUSON, MO) The Ferguson City Council has placed a (2%) business license utility tax increase on the August 2, 2016, ballot. If approved by Ferguson voters, Proposition U would authorize the City of Ferguson to generate additional municipal revenues by increasing the current business license utility tax from (6%) to (8%) on utilities, including companies supplying light, electricity, power, gas, telephone and water.

“If approved by Ferguson voters the City anticipates the two percent increase will allow an additional \$700,000 of collections,” said Ferguson City Manager, De’Carlon Seewood.

“This will allow the City to hire five additional police officers not currently included in the City’s Budget for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2017. This will also allow the City not to layoff firefighters and to keep Firehouse Number 2 from closing,” added Seewood.

**If PROPOSITION U PASSES – Ferguson Homeowners will see a 2% increase in the following Utility Bills: THIS IS AN EXAMPLE ONLY**

Electricity Bill	\$75.00 per month	\$1.50 per month
Gas Bill	\$110.00 per month	\$2.20 per month
Telephone Bill	\$75.50 per month	\$1.50 per month
Water Bill	\$35.00 per month	.70 per month
<b>Additional monthly cost</b>		<b>\$5.90 per month</b>

Proposition U is not a property tax on homeowners.

A “No” vote will leave in place the City’s existing six (6%) "We are asking Ferguson, voters, to approve Proposition U, which will allow the City to keep moving forward with needed services,” added Seewood.

**PROPOSITION U BALLOT LANGUAGE**

OFFICIAL BALLOT  
CITY OF FERGUSON

AUGUST 2, 2016

PROPOSITION   U  

Shall the City of Ferguson be authorized to increase the current business license tax on utilities, including companies supplying light, electricity, power, gas, telephone and water, by two percent (2%) which will result in a total business license tax on utilities in the amount of eight percent (8%)?

(VOTE FOR ONE)

FOR THE PROPOSITION	YES
FOR THE PROPOSITION	NO

For more information about the proposition, visit the city’s website at [www.fergusoncity.com](http://www.fergusoncity.com) or call 314-801-8540.