

HAILEY CITY GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND

Frequently asked questions

Amount requested: \$3.5 million

For: Improvements to the rodeo grounds that include: an indoor Hailey Ice rink; a multi-use arena built to rodeo dimensions; expansion to the Hailey skatepark to meet a broader range of skating skills; public art integrated into the improvements; museum-quality display/celebration of the history of the property, the Sawtooth Rangers rodeo arena and 4th of July Rodeo; landscaping, sidewalks and parking.

When: The election is scheduled for Tuesday, May 25th. The polls will be at the Community Campus gymnasium 1050 Fox Acres Road from 8 am – 8 pm.

Who Can Vote: Qualified Electors: Every male or female citizen of the United States, eighteen (18) years old or older, who has been a bona fide resident of the City for at least thirty (30) days immediately prior to the date of election, if registered as provided by law, shall be qualified to vote at the special bond election.

How do I register to vote? All electors must be registered to vote at the special bond election. Voter registration shall be conducted pursuant to the provisions of Section 34-1402, Idaho Code. No qualified elector who is duly registered as a voter, and who continues to reside at the same address or within the same precinct in which he or she is registered, shall be required to re-register. Registrations will be handled by the Blaine County Clerk at the Blaine County Courthouse, 206 1st Avenue South, Suite 200, from 8 am to 6 pm Monday – Thursday until April 30, 2010.

Any person who is eligible to vote may register on election day by appearing in person at the polling place (Community Campus gymnasium), by completing a registration card, making an oath on the form prescribed by law, and providing proof of residence in the manner provided by Section 34-408A, Idaho Code, as amended.

What will it cost me? The bond is expected to cost \$33 per \$100,000 of taxable property value. If your home is appraised at \$300,000, less the homeowners exemption of \$101,153, you can expect to pay about \$66 per year, or less than \$6 per month. The bond will be extended over ten years.

The city's top priority for management of the facilities is to ensure, to the best extent possible, that maintenance and operation of the facilities are not subsidized by Hailey taxpayers.

Why now? Hailey Ice has been fundraising for ten years, and the City of Hailey is committed to providing a permanent site for the Hailey Ice Rink. The Sawtooth Rangers' lease expires in 2010 and the community ranked redevelopment of this property as the top priority in the 2008 survey. Furthermore, it is believed that construction costs over the next year would be less because of current economic conditions, resulting in a savings of 10 – 20%. All things considered, it would be best to build on existing momentum and complete the project now.