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October 20, 2026

Re: Signature Withdrawals - Petition Packet Verification and Deposition

Information regarding Referendum Petition for Roy City Resolution 26-24; A Resolution of the Roy City Council Adopting the Final Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027; and Setting the 2026 Certified Tax Rate, passed by the Roy City Council on August 11, 2026.

The referendum petition that was received on August 12, 2026, has now been deemed **INSUFFICIENT** as the signature requirement has dropped below the required threshold due to signature withdrawal requests. The valid signature requirement is 10% (1,786 signatures) of the number of active voters in the city; **and** 10% of the number of active voters in at least 75% of the city's voter participation areas.

This means that Resolution 26-24; A Resolution of the Roy City Council Adopting the Final Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027; and Setting the 2026 Certified Tax Rate **will no longer** be voted on in the November 2026 election.

I have listed the following breakdown of valid signatures below:

- 6 Unreadable (could not read the voters handwriting)
- 112 Not Registered (the voter is not a registered voter)
- 73 Bad Address (the address does not match what is on file)
- 30 Not Matching (the signature does not match what is on file)
- 13 Other (could be a mixture of any of the above, may live out of the area of the referendum, etc.)
- 6 Duplicate (the voter signed more than once)

1,845 Valid Signatures (1,786 needed)
2,085 Total Signatures

The breakdowns of the VPAs are:

VPA Area 1 - Need: 472 Have: 461
VPA Area 2 - Need: 423 Have: 328
VPA Area 3 - Need: 435 Have: 564
VPA Area 4 - Need: 470 Have: 492

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I have also listed the prior counts below and our response dates for reference.

October 19, 2026 – Sufficient
2,097 total signatures with 1,857 being valid
The breakdown of valid signatures is below:

- 6 Unreadable (could not read the voters handwriting)
- 112 Not Registered (the voter is not a registered voter)
- 73 Bad Address (the address does not match what is on file)
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1,857 Valid Signatures
2,097 Total Signatures

The breakdowns of the VPAs are:
VPA Area 1 - Need: 472 Have: 472
VPA Area 2 - Need: 423 Have: 329
VPA Area 3 - Need: 435 Have: 564
VPA Area 4 - Need: 470 Have: 492

October 14, 2026 – Sufficient
2,104 total signatures with 1,878 being valid.
The breakdown of valid signatures is below:

- 6 Unreadable (could not read the voters handwriting)
- 113 Not Registered (the voter is not a registered voter)
- 69 Bad Address (the address does not match what is on file)
- 25 Not Matching (the signature does not match what is on file)
- 7 Other (could be a mixture of any of the above, may live out of the area of the referendum, etc.)
- 6 Duplicate (the voter signed more than once)

1,878 Valid Signatures
2,104 Total Signatures

The breakdowns of the VPAs are:
VPA Area 1 - Need: 472 Have: 478
VPA Area 2 - Need: 423 Have: 335
VPA Area 3 - Need: 435 Have: 570
VPA Area 4 - Need: 470 Have: 495

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While the referendum no longer meets the required thresholds, Roy City would like to express its appreciation for residents who remain informed, engaged, and respectful in their involvement with our community. We believe resident engagement is essential to effective local government, and we are at our strongest when residents, staff, and elected officials work collaboratively to find common ground and engage in constructive dialogue.

Sincerely,

Brittany Fowers

Brittany Fowers
Roy City Executive Assistant/City Recorder
bfowers@royutah.gov

The City of Roy, Utah

Proposition Information Pamphlet

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For the referendum that has been filed against Resolution 26-24 a resolution establishing the Certified Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2027.

This Pamphlet includes the following:

1. A copy of the referendum application
2. An argument submitted by the sponsors
3. An argument submitted by the local government
4. A copy of the Fiscal and Legal Impact Statement provided by the City Attorney and Budget Officer

11 August 2026

Attachment to Referendum Application Resolution 26-24 Roy City Municipal Code.

Individuals may be paid to Collect/Gather Signatures for this Referendum.

Sponsors

Nancy Inman

Geoffrey Cox

Ty Chaston

Deanne Chaston

Dale Bennion

Stephen Hughes

Darrin Albright

Leisa Albright

Shelly Polston

Vanessa Wilson

Paul Wilson

John Ford Jr.

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Nancy Inman will act as the Sponsor Liaison

5302 S. 4200 W. Roy, Ut. 84067

916 396-4395

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-24

A Resolution of the Roy City Council Adopting the Final Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2026 and Ending June 30, 2027; and Setting the 2026 Certified Tax Rate.

Whereas, on June 16, 2026, the City Council adopted, by Resolution #26-17, the interim budget for the coming fiscal year, for purposes of further review, and set a public hearing for August 11, 2026 to consider final adoption of the budget; and

Whereas, the City of Roy has declared its intent to increase the certified tax rate; and

Whereas, the City has conformed to the truth in taxation requirements of the State of Utah through publication and posting of notices of the proposed property tax increase; and

Whereas, the Roy City Council on August 11, 2026, held a public hearing on adoption of said budget and to consider increasing the certified tax rate; and

Whereas, the Roy City Council has determined that the increase is necessary to fund wages, benefits and operating needs; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Roy City Council, as follows:

Final Budget Adoption

Budgets for all funds, as presented, are hereby adopted for use by Roy City for the fiscal year 2026-2027, including adjustments from interim budget to final budget as outlined below.

Fund	Interim Budget	Adjustments	Final Budget
General Fund	$26,092,214	$ (919,245)	$25,172,969
Class C Road Fund	2,050,000	0	2,050,000
Trans. Infrastructure Fund	2,273,000	0	2,273,000
Capital Projects Fund	2,087,800	0	2,087,800
Water & Sewer Utility	13,426,500	0	13,426,500
Storm Water Utility	1,434,490	0	1,434,490
Solid Waste Utility	3,624,974	0	3,624,974
Storm Sewer Development	600,000	0	600,000
Park Development	190,000	0	190,000
Cemetery Perpetual Fund	8,000	0	8,000
Total	$51,786,978	$ (919,245)	$50,867,733
Internal Service Funds:			
Information Technology	$1,253,311	$ 0	$1,253,311
Risk Management	403,602	0	403,602
Total	$1,656,913	$ 0	$1,656,913

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Property Tax Rate Adoption

The following certified tax rate and revenue be set for 2026:

Fund/Budget Type	Revenue	Tax Rate
General Fund – Property Tax Revenue	$ 6,855,094	.002159

Be it further resolved that this resolution is adopted after proper notice and hearing in accordance with UCA 59-2-919 and shall be forwarded to the Weber County Auditor and the Utah State Tax Commission in accordance with UCA 59-2-913 and UCA 29-2-920.

Be it further resolved that the Roy City Council adopts the attached form PT 800, attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference.

Passed this 11th day of August, 2026.

Ann Jackson
Mayor

Attested and Recorded:

Brittany Fowers
City Recorder

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This Ordinance has been approved by the following vote of the Roy City Council:

Councilmember Hulbert	Aye
Councilmember Jackson	Aye
Councilmember Saxton	Nay
Councilmember Sphar	Aye
Councilmember Wilson	Aye

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Exhibit A

Resolution Adopting Final Tax Rates and Budgets Report 800 - Fiscal Year Entities	Form PT-800 pt-800.xls Rev. 5/2018

County: Weber **Year:** 2026

It is hereby resolved that the governing body of (entity name): Roy City

approves the following property tax rate(s) and revenue(s) for the year: 2026

1 Fund/Budget Type	2 Revenue	3 Tax Rate
General Fund	$ 6,855,094	.002159
Totals	$ 6,855,094	.002159

This resolution is adopted after proper notice and hearing in accordance with UCA 59-2-919 and shall be forwarded to the County Auditor and the Tax Commission in accordance with UCA 59-2-913 and 59-2-920.

Signature of Governing Chair

Signature: [signature] Date: 8/12/2026

Title: Mayor

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Application for an Initiative or Referendum

Utah Code § 20A-7-202

Name of Organization

Sponsor Statement

I, Nancy J. Inman affirm that I am registered to vote in Utah
Name of Sponsor (please type or print)

5302 S. 4200 W
Residence Address

Sponsor's Signature

Roy Ut 84067 916 396 4395
City, State, Zip Phone Number

Notary Seal

nancyjinman@gmail.com
Email

Subscribed and affirmed before me this 5 day of August 20 26

by

Notary Public

HEIDIE STONE
NOTARY PUBLIC • STATE OF UTAH
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Sponsor Statement

I, _____ affirm that I am a registered to vote in Utah
Name of Sponsor (please type or print)

_____
Residence Address

_____
Sponsor's Signature

_____
City, State, Zip

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Subscribed and affirmed before me this _____ day of _____ 20____,

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PLEASE NOTE: A copy of the law must be attached to this application along with a statement indicating whether or not signature gatherers will be paid for their services.

Please type or print

Application must be completed by five sponsors

Sponsor Statement

I, Geoffrey B. Cox affirm that I am registered to vote in Utah

Name of Sponsor (please type or print)

1845 W. 4500 S. #140
Residence Address

Geoffrey B. Cox
Sponsor's Signature

Roy, UT 84067
City, State, Zip

801-620-0448
Phone Number

Notary Seal

gscox53@gmail.com
Email

Subscribed and affirmed before me this 4 day of August 2026.

by Deveree Rowland
Notary Public

DEVEREE ROWLAND
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Application must be completed by five sponsors

Sponsor Statement

I, Ty Chaston (Name of Sponsor (please type or print)) affirm that I am registered to vote in Utah

3751 W 5575 S (Residence Address)

Ty Chaston (Sponsor's Signature)

Roy, UT 84067 (City, State, Zip)

801-698-3450 (Phone Number)

Notary Seal

tychaston@gmail.com (Email)

Subscribed and affirmed before me this 7 day of August 2026,

by _____ (Notary Public)

BRITTANY WESTON
NOTARY PUBLIC • STATE OF UTAH
COMMISSION NO. 747344
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Sponsor Statement

I, Deanne Chaston (Name of Sponsor (please type or print)) affirm that I am registered to vote in Utah

3751 W 5575 S (Residence Address)

Deanne Chaston (Sponsor's Signature)

Roy, UT 84067 (City, State, Zip)

801-698-3455 (Phone Number)

Notary Seal

deanne.winterton@gmail.com (Email)

Subscribed and affirmed before me this 7 day of August 2026,

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Name of Organization

Sponsor Statement

I, Dale Bennion affirm that I am a registered to vote in Utah

Name of Sponsor (please type or print)

2255 W. 3875 S.
Residence Address

Sponsor's Signature

Roy, Utah 84067
City, State, Zip

801-814-8275
Phone Number

Notary Seal

dennybb59@gmail.com
Email

Subscribed and affirmed before me this 5 day of August 2026,

by Cinda Lou Bennion
Notary Public

CINDA LOU BENNION
Notary Public, State of Utah
Commission # 737932
My Commission Expires
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Sponsor Statement

I, Stephen L. Hughes affirm that I am registered to vote in Utah
Name of Sponsor (please type or print)

2385 W 4925 S
Residence Address

Sponsor's Signature

Roy, UT 84067
City, State, Zip

901-517-0969
Phone Number

Notary Seal

stephenlhughes88@gmail.com
Email

Subscribed and affirmed before me this 5th day of Aug. 2026,

by Tami K Ketts
Notary Public

TAMI K KETTS
NOTARY PUBLIC • STATE of UTAH
COMMISSION NO. 736719
COMM. EXP. 04-18-2028

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Sponsor Statement

I, _____ affirm that I am registered to vote in Utah
Name of Sponsor (please type or print)

_____
Residence Address

_____
Sponsor's Signature

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City, State, Zip

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Phone Number

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Notary Public

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Sponsor Statement

I, Darrin Albright affirm that I am registered to vote in Utah

Name of Sponsor (please type or print)

3690 W. 5850 S. Darrin Albright

Residence Address Sponsor's Signature

Roy, Utah, 84067 801-866-3146

City, State, Zip Phone Number

Notary Seal

riverbound99@yahoo.com

Email

Subscribed and affirmed before me this 8th day of August 2026,

by JM Stephens

Notary Public

JOHNATHAN M STEPHENS
NOTARY PUBLIC • STATE OF UTAH
COMMISSION NO. 747816
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Sponsor Statement

I, Lisa Albright affirm that I am a registered to vote in Utah

Name of Sponsor (please type or print)

3690 W. 5850 S. Lisa Albright

Residence Address Sponsor's Signature

Roy Utah 84067 801-391-9399

City, State, Zip Phone Number

Notary Seal

riverbound99@yahoo.com

Email

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Sponsor Statement

I, Shelley L Polston affirm that I am a registered to vote in Utah

Name of Sponsor (please type or print)

3667 W 4550 S

Residence Address

Sponsor's Signature

Roy UT 84067

City, State, Zip

8015898439

Phone Number

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sleepergirl3@yahoo.com

Email

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Name of Organization

Sponsor Statement

I, Vanessa Wilson affirm that I am a registered to vote in Utah

Name of Sponsor (please type or print)

2277 W. 4900 S. Vanessa Wilson

Residence Address Sponsor's Signature

Ray, ut 84067 801-725-9123 Notary Seal

City, State, Zip Phone Number

Vanessawilson57@yahoo.com

Email

Subscribed and affirmed before me this 10 day of August 2026,

by Phyllicia Noel-Paul

Notary Public

PHYLLICIA NOEL-PAUL
Notary Public
State of Utah
My Commission Expires January 16, 2029
COMMISSION #741029

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Name of Organization

Sponsor Statement

I, PAUL WILSON affirm that I am a registered to vote in Utah

Name of Sponsor (please type or print)

2277 W 4900 S.
Residence Address

PW
Sponsor's Signature

Roy, UT 84067
City, State, Zip

801 721 0133
Phone Number

Notary Seal

Wogerton e yahoo.com
Email

Subscribed and affirmed before me this 6 day of AUGUST 2026

by

Notary Public

PHYLLICIA NOEL-PAUL
Notary Public
State of Utah
My Commission Expires January 16, 2029
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Sponsor Statement

I, John L Ford JR affirm that I am registered to vote in Utah
Name of Sponsor (please type or print)

1860 W 4850 S.
Residence Address

Sponsor's Signature

Roy Ut 84067
City, State, Zip

8015894261
Phone Number

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Email

Subscribed and affirmed before me this 10th day of August 2026,

by
Notary Public

DRAKE E TURNER
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COMMISSION NO. 732958
COMM. EXP. 08-30-2027

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Sponsor Statement

I, _____ affirm that I am registered to vote in Utah
Name of Sponsor (please type or print)

_____
Residence Address

_____
Sponsor's Signature

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City, State, Zip

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Signing this referendum simply places the recently approved 34.25% Roy City property tax increase on the ballot so voters can make the final decision, either for or against. Adding the referendum question to an existing ballot is a minimal expense, approximately $3,500 (as noted in a June 2 budget amendment).

- WAGE SURVEY: For the third straight year, Roy City is asking for a double-digit tax increase. Increasing employee wage compensation and Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLAs) are driving this unprecedented tax increase. The wage survey done by Roy City employees used TechNet, an enterprise technology compensation survey and closed-loop system that only compares public employee wages. This is artificially driving the increases in public employees' wages. The wage gap between public and private companies is over $20 an hour. With TechNet, cities set their own parameters, build their own criteria, and choose which cities to compare. The wage study done in-house by Roy's Human Resource Department and given to the Wage Survey Team is not an independent or unbiased survey when everyone involved has a vested interest in the outcome.
- DISPROPORTIONATE BENEFITS: The COLAs would disproportionately benefit higher-paid employees instead of the actual lower-compensated employees such as police, maintenance, and equipment operators.
- FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNEXATION WINDFALL: Roy budgeted $7 million for Roy City's Fire Department for fiscal year 2027 (through June 30, 2027), then annexed the department to the Weber Fire District, which will assume responsibility on Dec. 27, 2026, leaving an unknown windfall worth several million dollars to the City.
- INCREASED SALES TAX REVENUE: Roy City will also benefit from increased sales tax revenue recently approved by the Weber County Commission. Sales tax revenue is by nature adjusted for inflation. The more money you spend, the more taxes the City receives.
- REOCCURRING ISSUES: The City Council is both unable and unwilling to make any substantial cuts to the budget. Unless the City is willing to make reductions in force, consolidate positions, streamline, and carry out necessary reorganizational changes, the budget crisis will continue year after year. The minimal cuts such as eliminating some Roy Days events this year seem like token attempts to silence public outcry. Without change, the employee COLAs and wage issues will be a reoccurring annual problem that will contribute to $1 million shortfalls to the budget every year.
- CITIZEN PRIORiTY: Roy City Council has a fiduciary duty to the citizens of Roy as a whole, not to the City employees to whom they have oversight responsibilities. Their misplaced priority placing the employees over the citizens is causing this financial disfunction. The financial strain placed on Roy City residents of continually raising property taxes to fund the wages and COLAs of City employees, some of whom are making six-figure salaries, is unfair to the average Roy resident making only $65,000 a year.

When the government fails to listen to the citizens, the citizens have the right to petition their government for redress of grievances, which is protected in the First Amendment of the Constitution.

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Argument in Favor of the Property Tax Increase

Roy City residents depend on reliable police and fire protection, safe streets, well-maintained parks, recreation programs, and other essential City services. The City Council approved Resolution No. 26-24 to preserve those services, address a recurring revenue shortfall, and bring employee wages closer to the median market rates paid by neighboring communities.

The financial need is real. Inflation and rising personnel costs have caused the cost of providing City services to grow faster than existing revenues. If the resolution is repealed and the City collects the same dollar amount of property-tax revenue as in 2025, Roy City is projected to face an approximate $195,550 budget deficit. That deficit would have to be addressed by reducing services or using fund balance. Service reductions could affect public safety, parks and recreation, street maintenance, or other City operations. Using one-time reserves to pay recurring expenses would only postpone the problem and make another deficit likely the following year.

The increase is also necessary to retain the trained and experienced employees who deliver these services. Roy City employee wages are, on average, 14% below median wages in surrounding cities. That gap has contributed to high turnover and the loss of valuable experience. When experienced employees leave, the City incurs recruitment, training, and overtime costs, while residents risk slower service, delayed projects, and reduced continuity. Competitive compensation is not simply an employee benefit; it is an investment in dependable service to the community.

Roy City has already taken significant steps to control costs. In the fiscal year 2025 budget, the City reduced operating expenses across departments by 7.5%. Those reductions limited the City's flexibility, but they did not eliminate the structural revenue gap or the need to address below-market wages. Additional cuts would place greater pressure on the services residents use every day.

Resolution No. 26-24 authorizes approximately $1,749,050 in additional annual property-tax revenue beginning in November 2026. For a home with the City's average assessed value of $439,000, the estimated impact is $11.08 per month, or $132.99 per year. Repeal would not reduce the City's property-tax collection below its 2025 dollar amount; it would prevent the City from obtaining the additional revenue needed to keep pace with current costs and maintain competitive wages.

This is a measured and fiscally responsible investment in Roy City's stability. It allows the City to balance its budget without relying on temporary reserves, retain qualified employees, and protect the quality of public safety, streets, parks, recreation, and other essential services. Supporting the property-tax increase will help keep Roy City safe, reliable, and prepared to serve its residents now and in the years ahead.

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Fiscal and Legal Impact – Referendum – Resolution No. 26-24 2026 Certified Tax Rate

The City Council approved a property tax increase to replace revenue shortages and increase employee wages. This report describes the fiscal and legal impact of repealing Resolution 26-24 a resolution adopting the final annual budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027; and setting the 2026 certified tax rate.

Estimated Fiscal Impact

If this resolution is repealed, it will reverse the Council's decision to collect an additional $1,749,050 annually in property taxes starting in November 2026. This equates to approximately $11.08 per month or $132.99 per year on the average home, which has an assessed value of $439,000. Repealing this law would not create a tax decrease from previous years, rather, property taxes will stay at the same dollar amount as they were in 2025.

The City has experienced an increase in costs due to inflation and rising employee wages resulting in more expenses than revenues. If the same dollar amount of property taxes is collected, the City will have a budget deficit of approximately $195,550. In order to balance the budget, this deficit would need to be made up by either decreasing city services or using fund balance. A decrease in city services could come from a decrease in public safety employees and/or services, parks and recreation employees and/or programs, street maintenance employees and/or services or other administration employees and/or services. If fund balance is used, the City would most likely have a deficit the following year as well.

In addition to the budget deficit, the City would be unable to increase employee wages up to market rates. City employee wages are on average 14% below other cities in the area. The City has experienced high employee turnover in recent years losing valuable experience. Repealing this law would not allow the City to begin correcting this issue and it is likely the City will continue to lose employees. Experienced employees are essential to providing quality reliable services to our residents.

Estimated Public Costs

It is contemplated that the costs to the City associated with repealing the law would be satisfied from the general fund of the City. The costs include the cost of administering the election on the proposed ballot question, the cost of printing required information packets and education materials required by the law, and other associated legal and professional costs. The cost to administer the election as quoted by the Weber County Elections Division is estimated to not exceed $29,000.00. All staff time is speculative at this time but is not expected to exceed $10,000.00.

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Estimated Legal Impact

The City estimates there is no significant legal impact associated with this resolution or with its repeal.

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REFERENDUM PETITION

To the Honorable Brittany Fowers, City Recorder:

We, the undersigned citizens of Utah, Respectfully Order That A Resolution of the Roy City Council Adopting the Final Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027; and Setting the 2026 Certified Tax Rate, passed by the Roy City Council on August 11, 2026, be referred to the voters for their approval or rejection at the regular general election To Be Held On November 3, 2026.

INSUFFICIENT

Each signer of this Petition says:

- I have personally signed this Referendum Petition or, if I am an individual with a qualifying disability, I have signed the Referendum Petition by directing the signature gatherer to enter the initials "AV" as my signature;
- The date next to my signature correctly reflects the date that I actually signed the Petition;
- I personally had an opportunity to read the entire statement included with this packet;
- I am registered to vote in Utah; and
- My residence and post office address are written correctly after my name.

WARNING TO SIGNERS WITH PRIVATE VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS

If you sign this Referendum Petition, your voter identification number and the date you signed may be publicly disclosed. This disclosure may occur even if you are an at-risk voter with a voter registration record that has been classified as a private record.

REFERENDUM PETITION

A RESOLUTION OF THE ROY CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING THE FINAL ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND SETTING THE 2026 CERTIFIED TAX RATE PASSED BY THE ROY CITY COUNCIL ON AUGUST 11, 2026

For Office Use Only	**Registered Voter's Printed Name (must be legible to be counted)**	**Signature of Registered Voter**	**Date Signed**
	Street Address, City, Zip Code	**Email Address (optional, to receive additional information)**	**Birth Date or Age (optional)**
By signing this referendum petition, you are stating that you have read and understand the law that this referendum petition seeks to overturn.			

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This referendum petition seeks to have Resolution 26-24, A Resolution of the Roy City Council Adopting the Final Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027; and Setting the 2026 Certified Tax Rate be referred to the voters for their approval or rejection at the regular general election to be held on November 3, 2026; and

WARNING: It is a class A misdemeanor to sign a referendum petition using a name other than your own name, to sign more than once, or to sign if you are not a registered voter. Providing your birth date or age is optional, but it may be used to verify your identity. If you do not provide it, your signature may not be validated if your address changes or if the information you provide does not match your voter registration record.

VERIFICATION OF SIGNATURE COLLECTOR

I, _____, of _____, hereby state, under penalty of perjury, that:
(printed name)

- I am at least 18 years old;
- All the names that appear in this petition packet were signed by individuals who professed to be the individuals whose names appear in it, and each of the individuals signed the individual's name on it in my presence or, in the case of an individual with a qualifying disability, I have signed this petition packet on the individual's behalf, at the direction of the individual and in the individual's presence, by entering the initials "AV" as the individual's signature;
- I certify that for each individual whose signature is represented in this referendum petition packet by the initials "AV":
    - I obtained the individual's voluntary direction or consent to sign the referendum packet on the individual's behalf;
    - I do not believe and do not have reason to believe that the individual lacked the mental capacity to give direction or consent;
    - I do not believe and do not have reason to believe, that the individual did not understand the purpose or nature of my signing the referendum petition packet on the individual's behalf;
    - I did not intentionally or knowingly deceive the individual into directing me to, or consenting for me to, sign the petition packet on the individual's behalf; and
- I did not intentionally or knowingly enter false information on the signature sheet;
- I did not knowingly make a misrepresentation of fact related to this petition;
- I believe that each individual's name and address is written correctly, that each signer has had an opportunity to read all the information contained in the petition, and that each signer is or will be registered to vote in Utah at the time the petition packet is submitted for verification;
- The correct date of signature appears next to each individual's name;
- I have not paid or given anything of value to any individual who signed this petition packet to encourage that individual to sign it;
- I understand that if I have been or will be paid to gather signatures for this petition, my compensation must be based on an hourly rate if the petition is an initiative or referendum petition, or on an hourly rate or rate per valid signature if the petition is another type of petition; and
- I completed the signature gatherer training available on the lieutenant governor's website at www.vote.utah.gov before gathering signatures for this petition.
  Yes ____ No ____ (Check one)

INSUFFICIENT

(Printed Name) (Signature) (Residence Address) (Date)