

THE ALBANY COUNTY 5TH PENNY

A 1% General Purpose Excise Tax · informedlaramie.com



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR ELECTION DAY

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2026

7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

WHAT IS IT?

A 1% GENERAL PURPOSE EXCISE TAX, UP FOR VOTER RENEWAL EVERY FOUR YEARS.

Albany County voters initially approved the "5th Penny" (1% General Purpose Excise Tax) in 1986. The most recent term will expire December 31, 2026 and renewal is on the November 3rd General Election ballot.

Unlike the 6th Penny, which funds specific ballot approved projects, the 5th Penny is a 1% General Purpose Excise Tax used for general operations that keep Albany County safe, strong, and vibrant. Revenue is distributed to the City of Laramie, Town of Rock River, and Albany County as it is collected.

AT A GLANCE

1986

In Place Since

Renewed by voters every four years.

1%

Optional Excise Tax

A single cent, or 1%, on taxable sales.
Groceries and prescriptions are exempt.

20%

of Laramie's General Fund Operations

Supported by the 5th Penny.

7%

of Albany County's General Fund

Supported by the 5th Penny.

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Local Governments

City of Laramie, Town of Rock River,
Albany County.

99%

Returned Locally

The State deducts only a 1% administrative fee.

SAFE, STRONG, VIBRANT

SAFE

Public safety, funded every day.

- Police officers/Sheriff deputies and patrol operations
- Firefighter / EMT and paramedic staffing
- Ambulance services and fire response equipment
- County Attorney & Coroner offices

STRONG

The infrastructure beneath everyday life.

- Streets, alleys, and road materials
- Rock River town hall and water/sewer operations
- Election laptops and administrative operations
- 7,754 potholes filled in Laramie in FY27

VIBRANT

The programs that make Laramie, Laradise.

- Parks, trails, and park irrigation systems
- The Laramie River Restoration Project
- \$3M+ paid forward to 30+ partner agencies since FY2015
- Parks & Recreation staff

Learn more, see every FAQ, and find your polling place at informedlaramie.com



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