

**The following letter has been sent to the Jefferson Parish Council and Parish President regarding the upcoming Law Enforcement Tax Initiative.**

To the Jefferson Parish Council and Parish President:

In preparation of an Ordinance for the Council to consider that actually spelled out the dedication of the Proposed  $\frac{1}{4}$  Cent Sales Tax we noticed no reference in the referendum ballot relative to the **Sales Tax exemption for food and drugs**. You will recall the Sales Tax exemption on food and drugs was a commitment by the Sheriff, Council and Business Community. After several discussions with the Secretary of State's Office it was discovered that the deadline for changes to the ballot language had expired and the inclusion of the **food and drug exemption could not be added**.

Since we had committed to a Sales Tax Exemption on food and drugs, the Business Community and the Sheriff are recommending that the Jefferson Parish Council at its February 18<sup>TH</sup> meeting cancel the April 4<sup>TH</sup> Sales Tax Election. Timely action on this request at your February 18<sup>th</sup> Council meeting will insure removal of the Sales Tax referendum from the April 4<sup>th</sup> ballot. Attached for your review and consideration is a proposed resolution to accomplish the above.

Tim Coulon  
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