



# Sales Tax

I held sales taxes flat during my four years as Waukegan Mayor. In contrast, Sam Cunningham increased the city’s sales tax by 20%

<b>Tax</b>	<b>Ann Taylor</b>	<b>Sam Cunningham</b>
City Sales Tax	0%	20%

Higher sales taxes cost our residents extra money and hurt our businesses by encouraging shopping elsewhere.

At the February 5, 2018, City Council meeting, Sam Cunningham proposed increasing the sales tax from 1.25% to 1.5%, a 20% increase. I voted against the increase. It passed, with Sam Cunningham casting the tie-breaking vote.

The [ordinance](#) is:

**CITY OF WAUKEGAN**

**ORDINANCE No. 18–O–10**

The Title of The

**AN ORDINANCE INCREASING  
THE HOME RULE MUNICIPAL RETAILER’S OCCUPATION TAX AND  
THE HOME RULE MUNICIPAL SERVICE OCCUPATION TAX**

**ADOPTED AND PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF WAUKEGAN**


**ON THE 5<sup>th</sup>  
DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2018**

It states:

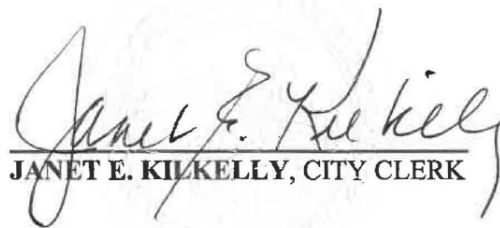
“WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Waukegan has now determined that it is in the best interests of the City to increase the tax on all persons engaged in the business of selling tangible personal property at retail and upon all persons engaged in the business of making sales of service within the City from 1.25% to 1.5%;”

I voted against it, and Sam Cunningham not only proposed the sales tax increase but also cast the tie-breaking vote to approve it.

Passed by the Council on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of **FEBRUARY, 2018.**

  
MAYOR SAMUEL D. CUNNINGHAM, JR.

ATTEST:

  
JANET E. KILKELLY, CITY CLERK

**ROLL CALL:** Ald Villalobos, Ald Newsome, Ald TenPas, Ald May, Ald Taylor, Ald Bolton, Ald Seger, Ald Moisio

**AYES:** Ald Villalobos, Ald Newsome, Ald TenPas, Ald Moisio, *Mayor Cunningham\**  
*(Mayor of Waukegan votes after a tie\*)*

**NAYS:** Ald May, Ald Taylor, Ald Bolton, Ald Seger

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Ald Valko