

VOTE **NO** TUESDAY MARCH 20, 2018



“Shall the City of Rockford, Illinois become a home rule unit?”

What does Home Rule mean for Rockford? It means you give away your right to vote on future tax increases or new taxes. It means you give government bureaucrats a blank check with your signature!

- Allows the City of Rockford to raise property taxes without limit and without voter approval.
- Allows the City of Rockford to impose new taxes on businesses, services, parking, groceries, and nearly everything else without voter approval.
- Allows the government bureaucrats of the City of Rockford to protect, and even increase, their own salaries and pensions without voter approval.

80% of local taxes are for salaries and benefits of government employees!

See the other side of this flyer for the top taxpayer-funded salaries and pensions in Rockford.

Home Rule always means higher taxes. Why would Rockford government bureaucrats seek to strip you of your right to vote on tax increases?



**TO RETAIN YOUR RIGHT
TO VOTE ON PROPERTY TAX INCREASES!**

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Top Ten Government Pensions – Rockford as of 2017

Name	Current Annual Pension*	Employee Contributions to Pension	Total Pension Paid to Date	Retirement Age	Estimated Lifetime Payout	Employee Contr. % of Lifetime Payout
Andres Sammul	\$113,273	\$116,822	\$605,083	62	\$2,314,762	5%
Ronald Schultz	\$89,929	\$107,188	\$521,428	59	\$2,077,427	5%
Stephen Ernst	\$84,448	\$108,083	\$192,075	58	\$2,280,101	5%
Estelle Black	\$81,735	\$59,843	\$1,225,484	68	\$891,861	7%
Brad Clark	\$77,724	\$61,844	\$250,345	55	\$2,263,813	3%
Douglas Passmore	\$76,758	\$84,414	\$145,909	57	\$2,149,214	4%
Sandy Stansell	\$76,656	\$88,964	\$63,702	63	\$1,737,014	5%
Cindy Chappell	\$76,082	\$71,326	\$239,773	55	\$2,215,975	3%
Bonnie Henry	\$75,447	\$145,300	\$491,940	61	\$1,561,950	9%
Wallis Parson	\$73,333	\$70,940	\$577,492	57	\$1,669,550	4%

*This amount does not include Social Security pensions. All listed government retirees qualify for Social Security pensions on top of their current municipal government pensions.

80% of local taxes go to pay salaries and benefits of government employees. **Illinois is broke because of an unsustainable Government pension system.**

Don't give up your right to vote on future sales and property tax increases!

VOTE NO HOME RULE IN ROCKFORD ON TUESDAY MARCH 20, 2018!

Top Ten Government Salaries - Rockford		
Name	Salary	Job Title
Patrick Hayes	\$143,748	Legal Dir.
James Ryan	\$134,368	City Admin.
Christopher Black	\$128,980	Finance Dir.
Derek Bergsten	\$127,920	Fire Chief
Lawrence Morrissey	\$127,181	Mayor
Julia Scott-Valdez	\$124,592	Human Resources Dir.
Matthew Vitner	\$123,177	Acting Public Works Dir.
Joseph Corl	\$121,950	Div. Chief Emer. Ops.
Matthew W Knott	\$121,950	Div. Chief Fire Training
David Hopkins	\$121,388	Deputy Chief

