



The Utah Taxpayer - March 2022

Legislature Provides Some Tax Relief and Acts on Other Statewide Measures Affecting Taxpayers

Upon completion of the 2022 Legislative Session, here are some of the legislative priorities we've been able to pass, defeat, or continue to work on.

Taxpayers will see an income tax cut, a property tax increase, and an eventual reduction in cell phone taxes.

[Here's how the Session will affect you.](#)

Previewing the Utah Taxpayers Association Annual "Pork Barrel" Report: A Deep Look Into Government Spending in Utah

At the office of the Utah Taxpayers Association there is a quote from a 1923 Utah Taxpayer newsletter that reads, "When new sources of revenue are found, additional ways of spending the public's money will likewise appear".

[We've already found some examples in the upcoming state budget.](#)

American Fork City Council Explores (Again) the Possibility of Municipal Fiber

If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. That seems to be American Fork's motto when it comes to municipal fiber.

The American Fork City Council is considering yet another proposal to install fiber across the city, despite the city already doing something similar back in 2002.

While the city claims it is only exploring the idea, it has already created a visual design and brand, purchased a web domain, and built a website filled with arguments in support of this municipal fiber proposal.

[American Fork City Council ought to put the issue to voters.](#)

Utah Taxpayers Association 100 Year Anniversary Honored by Utah Legislature

On February 16, 2022, the Utah Legislature honored the Centennial Celebration of the Utah Taxpayers Association with a citation on the floor of the Utah House of Representatives and the Utah Senate.

The citation honored the work of the Association over the past 100 years and the many accomplishments that have saved taxpayers billions of dollars since its inception.

[Read a bit of our history from the official citation.](#)

Utah Supreme Court Issues Victory for Taxpayers

On February 24, 2022, the Utah Supreme Court ruled in *Buck v. Utah Tax Comm'n*, 2022 UT 11, that taxpayers are allowed to present broad evidence to establish they are not domiciled in Utah for individual income tax purposes.

Your Utah Taxpayers Association filed an *Amicus Curiae* (amicus brief) along with the Utah Association of Certified Public Accountants in the *Buck* case in December of 2020.

[Learn more about the monumental decision.](#)

Increase in Property Tax Values and Federal Funding Drastically Change Public Education Expenditures in FY 2021

According to a new Association report, rising property values have impacted tax rates across the state.

The annual School Spending Report, released in February, examines spending, revenues, and tax rates from all 41 school districts and combined charter school expenditures during the Fiscal Year 2021.

[Find out how your school district ranks.](#)

SAVE THE DATE:

May 11, 2022

**2022 Taxes Now
Conference and
100th Anniversary
Celebration**

If you attend only one conference this year, make sure it's this one.



The event will be held in-person and streamed online. A detailed agenda and RSVP information will be available in the coming weeks.

We will feature highlights from our 100 years advocating for Utah taxpayers and feature prominent speakers.

Association Accomplishments in February

- Promoted sound tax policy during the 2022 General Session
- Lobbied legislators to improve Utah's tax structure and provide relief to all Utah taxpayers
- Presented in multiple hearings throughout the 2022 Legislative Session
- Received Official Citation Honoring 100 year Anniversary of the Association from the Utah State Legislature
- Released the 2022 School Spending Report

In The News

Will the Utah State Legislature lower your taxes?

- [Fox 13](#)

Utah Lawmakers want electric vehicle drivers to pay their fair share

- [Fox 13](#)

Utah Bill looking to ensure electric vehicles owners pay their fair share advanced to Legislature

- [St. George News](#)

New Utah House bill charges electric vehicles per mile, with cap

- [Townlift](#)

Senate passes bill allowing senior Utahns to defer property taxes

- [St. George News](#)