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## **Overview**

Allows the city of Medford to impose a one-half of one percent tax to fund improvement to its wastewater treatment system.

## **Section**

City of Medford; taxes authorized. Authorizes the city of Medford to impose a one-half of one percent local sales tax to fund wastewater system improvements. The tax would expire at the earlier of (1) 20 years or (2) when funds sufficient to finance the authorized \$5 million in projects have been raised.

**Subdivision 1. Sales and use tax authorized.** Authorizes the city to impose a sales and use tax of one-half of one percent. Requirements under Minn. Stat. § 297A.99, including approval by voters at the next general election, apply.

**Subd. 2. Use of revenues.** Authorizes the city to spend revenues raised under subdivision 1 to fund improvements to the wastewater system and treatment plant.

**Subd. 3. Bonds.** Allows the city to issue up to \$5 million in bonds for the projects listed in subdivision 2, based on the referendum for the sales tax.

**Subd. 4. Termination of taxes.** The taxes expires at the earlier of (1) 20 years after the tax is imposed or (2) when revenues are raised equal to \$5 million plus associated bond costs.