

Subject Bloomington local sales tax

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### Overview

Allows the city of Bloomington to impose a 0.50 percent local sales tax to fund \$32 million for an ice garden, \$70 million for a health and wellness center, \$33 million for an arts center, and \$15 million for a golf course. Bond costs may be raised for the projects and the tax will expire at the earlier of (1) 20 years after being imposed, or (2) when the necessary amount is raised for the approved projects.

## Summary

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1	<b>City of Bloomington; taxes authorized.</b>
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**Subd. 1. Sales and use tax authorization.** Authorizes the city of Bloomington to impose a local sales and use tax of 0.50 percent if approved at a general election within two years of the authority being granted.

**Subd. 2. Use of sales tax revenues.** Allows the city to use the tax revenues to fund the following projects:

- \$32 million for improvements and rehabilitation of the Bloomington Ice Garden
- \$70 million for construction of a community health and wellness center
- \$33 million for an expansion to the Bloomington Center for the Arts Concert Hall
- \$15 million for improvements to the Dwan golf course

The city must have separate questions on the ballot for each project and only the ones approved may be financed with the tax.

Approved uses of the tax revenue also include “associated infrastructure” which is defined in the bill as construction activities related to safe access and use of

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the property, including improvements for facilities, roads, lighting, sidewalks, parking, landscaping, or utilities.

**Subd. 3. Bonding authority.** Allows the city to bond for any project listed in subdivision 2 that is approved by the voters. The amount of bonds that may be issued for each project is the amount listed in subdivision 2 plus an amount needed to cover the costs of issuing the bonds. Issuance of the bonds are not subject to a separate vote and the bonds are not included in any debt or levy limits.

**Subd. 4. Termination of the tax.** The tax terminates at the earlier of (1) 20 years after being imposed, or (2) when revenues are sufficient to pay for the approved projects and any associated bond costs, subject to the requirements that the termination occurs at the start of a calendar quarter.

Any excess revenue related to the timing of the termination goes into either the state or city general fund. The city may, by ordinance, terminate the tax early.

Effective date: upon local approval and compliance under section 645.021.



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