

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, MN  
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2020-011  
SUPPORTING THE AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE A LOCAL SALES TAX TO FUND SPECIFIC  
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROVIDING REGIONAL BENEFIT, TO ESTABLISH THE  
DURATION OF THE TAX AND THE REVENUE TO BE RAISED BY THE TAX, AND TO  
AUTHORIZE THE CITY TO ISSUE BONDS SUPPORTED BY THE SALES TAX REVENUE.

WHEREAS, the city has identified a need for improvements to regional parks and recreation facilities of the city; and

WHEREAS, the city has defined the parks and recreation projects to include [add detailed project description, cost estimates;]

WHEREAS, the project(s) will result in benefits to both the residents and businesses of the City of Northfield and to non-resident visitors and businesses; and,

WHEREAS, funding the project(s) with a local sales tax will more closely distribute the cost of the project(s) to the users of the facilities; and,

WHEREAS, the project(s) are estimated to cost approximately \$13,000,000 [\$XXX,XXX/]; and,

WHEREAS, the city estimates that a local sales tax of .5 percent would generate \$13,000,000 over twenty (20) years; and,

WHEREAS, the city has provided documentation of the regional significance of each project, including the share of the economic benefit to or use of each project by persons residing, or businesses located, outside of the jurisdiction; and,

WHEREAS, the estimated local sales tax revenue and estimated time needed to raise that amount of revenue for each project is as follows:

- For [Project A]: The city will collect \$XXX,XXX over X years.

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 297A.99 authorizes the imposition of a general sales tax if permitted by special law of the Minnesota Legislature; and,

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 297A.99 requires the City to pass a resolution authorizing such a local tax and to obtain Legislative approval prior to approval by the local voters to enact the local tax;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THAT:

1. The city council supports the authority to impose a general local sales tax of .5 percent for a period of twenty years to fund the aforementioned project(s);
2. Upon approval of this resolution, the city will submit the adopted resolution and documentation of regional significance to the chairs and ranking minority members of the House and Senate Taxes committees for approval and passage of a special law authorizing the tax, by January 31 of the year that it is seeking the special law.

3. Upon Legislative approval and passage of the special law authorizing the tax, the city will adopt a resolution accepting the new law, which will be filed with a local approval certificate to the Office of the Secretary of State before the following Legislative session.
4. The city will put a detailed ballot question(s), which includes separate questions for each project, on a general election ballot for local voter approval. This will be done within two years of receiving legislative authority.
5. If one or more ballot questions pass, the city will also pass an ordinance imposing the tax and notify the commissioner of Revenue at least 90 days before the first day of the calendar quarter that the tax will be imposed.
6. Upon completion of the aforementioned requirements, the local sales tax will commence and run until insert date or duration or until a sum sufficient to fund the voter approved project(s), including related debt costs, is raised, whichever comes first.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Northfield on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2020.

ATTEST

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City Clerk

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Mayor

VOTE:    \_\_\_ POWNELL    \_\_\_ DELONG    \_\_\_ GRABAU    \_\_\_ NAKASIAN  
          \_\_\_ NESS    \_\_\_ PETERSON WHITE    \_\_\_ ZWEIFEL