

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS TO AMEND THE CITY CHARTER
By the City Council

The Bloomington City Council will hold public hearings on Monday, June 1, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, Minnesota, 55431, or by electronic means as provided by State law, to consider a Ordinance amending the City Charter, Chapter 5, Sections 5.05, 5.11, and 5.16 relating to initiative, referendum and recall and City Charter, Chapter 7, Sections 7.06, 7.10, 7.14, 7.15, 7.16, 7.17 relating to city taxation and finance, both are specifically set forth below. A full copy of the proposed ordinances is provided below, available online at <http://blm.mn/notices>, and available for review during regular business hours in the City Attorney's Office at the Bloomington Civic Plaza, at the address listed above. For more information or to submit comments prior to the public hearing, contact the Charter Commission Recording Secretary at legal@bloomingtonmn.gov, or call 952-563-4895.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026- __

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CHARTER SECTIONS 5.05, 5.11, AND 5.16
RELATING TO INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM AND RECALL**

The City Council of the City of Bloomington, Minnesota does hereby ordain:

Section 1. That Chapter 5, Section 5.05, of the City Charter is amended by deleting those words struck through and contained in brackets [] and by adding those words that are underlined, to read as follows:

CHAPTER 5: INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM AND RECALL

§ 5.05 INITIATIVE PETITION.

The petition for the adoption of any ordinance must consist of the ordinance and all of the signature papers and attached affidavits. The petition is not complete unless signed by a number of voters registered in Bloomington equal to at least ten percent of the total number of votes cast at the last preceding regular municipal election. All signatures need not be on one signature paper, but the person circulating every paper must make an affidavit that each signature on the paper is the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be. Each signature paper must comply with Minnesota Rules Part 8205. The city clerk must maintain a sample petition for the public.~~be in substantially the following form:~~

INITIATIVE PETITION

proposing an ordinance to _____ (stating the purpose of the ordinance), a copy of which ordinance is attached. This ordinance is sponsored by the following committee of voters registered in Bloomington:

Name _____ Address _____ Printed Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____ Birth Year _____ Email _____ Telephone _____

1. _____

—(Include four additional names.)

~~The undersigned voters registered in Bloomington, understanding the terms and the nature of the ordinance attached, petition the council for its adoption, or, in lieu thereof, for its submission to the voters registered in Bloomington for their approval.~~

~~Name _____ Address _____ Printed Name _____ Signature Date _____ Birth Year~~

~~1. _____~~

~~—(Include additional names using this format.)—~~

~~The affidavit of the person circulating the petition must be included at the end of each list of signatures.]~~

Section 2. That Chapter 5, Section 5.11, of the City Charter is amended by deleting those words struck through and contained in brackets [] and by adding those words that are underlined, to read as follows:

CHAPTER 5: INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM AND RECALL

§ 5.11 REFERENDUM PETITION.

The petition for the repeal or submission to a vote of an ordinance must consist of the ordinance and all of the signature papers and attached affidavits. The petition is not complete unless signed by a number of voters registered in Bloomington equal to at least 15 percent of the total number of votes cast at the last preceding regular municipal election. All signatures need not be on one signature paper, but the person circulating every paper must make an affidavit that each signature on the paper is the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be. A referendum petition must comply with Minnesota Rules Part 8205. The city clerk must maintain a sample petition for the public.~~read as follows:~~

REFERENDUM PETITION

~~proposing the repeal of an ordinance to (stating the purpose of the ordinance), a copy of which is attached. The proposed repeal is sponsored by the following committee of voters registered in Bloomington:~~

~~Name _____ Address _____ Printed Name _____ Signature Date _____ Birth Year Email Telephone~~

~~1. _____~~

~~—(Include four additional names.)~~

~~The undersigned petitioners, understanding the nature of the ordinance attached and believing it to be detrimental to the welfare of the city, petition the council for its submission to a vote of voters registered in Bloomington for their approval or disapproval.~~

~~Name _____ Address _____ Printed Name _____ Signature Date _____ Birth Year~~

~~1. _____~~

~~—(Include additional names using this format.)~~

~~The affidavit of the person circulating the petition must be included at the end of each list of signatures.]~~

Section 3. That Chapter 5, Section 5.16, of the City Charter is amended by deleting those words struck through and contained in brackets [] and by adding those words that are underlined, to read as follows:

CHAPTER 5: INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM AND RECALL

§ 5.16 RECALL PETITION.

The petition for the recall of any official must include a certificate identical with that filed with the city clerk together with all the signature papers and affidavits attached. Signatures need not be on one signature paper, but the person circulating each paper must make an affidavit that each signature on the paper is the real signature of the person whose name it purports to be. Each signature paper must comply with Minnesota Rules Part 8205. The city clerk must maintain a sample petition for the public.~~be in substantially the following form:~~

<p>RECALL PETITION</p> <p>proposing the recall of _____ from the office as _____ which recall is sought for the reasons set forth in the attached certificate. The following committee of voters registered in Bloomington sponsors this recall petition:</p> <p>Name _____ Address _____ Printed Name _____ Signature Date _____ Birth Year _____ <u>Email Telephone</u></p> <p>1. _____</p> <p>—(Include four additional names.)—</p> <p>The undersigned voters registered in Bloomington, understanding the nature of the charges against the officer sought to be recalled, request the holding of a recall election.</p> <p>Name _____ Address _____ Printed Name _____ Signature Date _____ Birth Year _____</p> <p>1. _____</p> <p>—(Include additional names using this format.)</p>

~~The affidavit of the person circulating the petition must be included at the end of each list of signatures.]~~

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective 90 days after publication.

Passed and adopted this ___ day of _____, 2026.

/s/ _____
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ _____

/s/ _____
City Attorney

ORDINANCE NO. 2026- __

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CHARTER SECTION 7.06
RELATING TO PASSAGE OF THE BUDGET**

The City Council of the City of Bloomington, Minnesota does hereby ordain:

Section 1. That Chapter 7, Section 7.06, of the City Charter is amended by deleting those words struck through and contained in brackets [] and by adding those words that are underlined, to read as follows:

§ 7.06 PASSAGE OF THE BUDGET.

The budget must be the principal item of business at the first regular monthly council meeting in September. The council must hold adjourned meetings from time to time until it has considered all the estimates. The meeting must give interested citizens a reasonable opportunity to be heard. The annual budget finally agreed upon must set forth the complete financial plan of the city for the ensuing fiscal year for the funds budgeted. It must show the sums to be raised and their sources and the sums to be spent and their purposes according to Section 7.05. The total sum appropriated must be safely less than the total estimated revenue. The council must adopt the budget by resolution not later than December 23rd of each year [~~the third week of December~~]. The council must also adopt a resolution levying all taxes it considers necessary within statutory limits for the ensuing year for each fund. The tax levy resolution must be certified to the county auditor according to law. At the beginning of the fiscal year, the sums fixed in the budget resolution are appropriated only for the several purposes named in the budget resolution.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective 90 days after publication.

Passed and adopted this __ day of _____, 2026.

/s/

Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/

/s/

City Attorney

ORDINANCE NO. 2026- __

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CHARTER SECTION 7.10
RELATING TO DISBURSEMENTS**

The City Council of the City of Bloomington, Minnesota does hereby ordain:

Section 1. That Chapter 7, Section 7.10, of the City Charter is amended by deleting those words struck through and contained in brackets [] and by adding those words that are underlined, to read as follows:

§ 7.10 DISBURSEMENTS, HOW MADE.

Disbursements of city funds can only be made by (a) a negotiable instrument bearing the actual or authorized facsimile signature of the mayor, the city manager and the chief financial officer, (b) credit card, or (c) an electronic funds transfer. No ~~[negotiable instrument]~~disbursement of city funds can be ~~[issued]~~made without proof by an itemized bill, payroll, time[-]sheet, voucher, detailed credit card receipt, or other similar document approved and signed by the responsible city officer who vouches for its correctness and reasonableness. Disbursements of city funds must identify the funds from which payment will be made. The city will comply with the requirements of Minnesota Statutes when processing disbursements by electronic funds transfer. ~~[The city manager must note on each contract requiring the payment of money by the city the particular fund out of which it is to be paid.]~~ Disbursement of city funds will not be made by digital currency. The council may~~can~~ make additional regulations by ordinance for the safekeeping and disbursements of city funds.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective 90 days after publication.

Passed and adopted this ___ day of _____, 2026.

/s/ _____
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ _____

/s/ _____
City Attorney

ORDINANCE NO. 2026- __

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CHARTER SECTIONS 7.14, 7.15, AND 7.16
RELATING TO PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT REVOLVING FUNDS, TAX
ANTICIPATION CERTIFICATES, AND EMERGENCY DEBT CERTIFICATES**

The City Council of the City of Bloomington, Minnesota does hereby ordain:

Section 1. That Chapter 7, Section 7.14, of the City Charter is amended by deleting those words struck through and contained in brackets [] and by adding those words that are underlined, to read as follows:

§ 7.14 ESTABLISH AND OPERATE A PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT REVOLVING FUND.

The council can, by a vote of at least five (5) of its members, establish by ordinance, a permanent improvement revolving fund for the purpose of financing public improvements, and can, by the

same vote, authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds for the establishment and operation of the fund, or for increases in monies required for the operation of the fund. Expenditures can be made from the permanent improvement revolving fund only (1) for an improvement, the obligation for which is payable wholly or partially from the proceeds of special assessments levied or to be levied upon property specially benefited by the improvement, provided an ad valorem tax is levied, or other monies pledged for that portion of the expenditure not specially assessed or (2) for any public convenience from which revenue is or can be derived, provided, that the full faith and credit of the city is pledged to replace any deficiencies in such revenues or (3) for any other public improvement for which the issuance of general obligation bonds of the city is authorized, either by statute or this charter; provided that all requirements for the issuance of the general obligation bonds are complied with and the full faith and credit of the city are pledged to repay the expenditures to the permanent improvement revolving fund according to the laws authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds. The council may, by a vote of at least four (4) of its members, adopt a resolution to award the sale of a general obligation permanent improvement revolving fund bond.

Section 2. That Chapter 7, Section 7.15, of the City Charter is amended by deleting those words struck through and contained in brackets [] and by adding those words that are underlined, to read as follows:

§ 7.15 TAX ANTICIPATION CERTIFICATES.

At any time after January 1, following the making of an annual tax levy, the council can issue certificates of indebtedness in anticipation of the collection of taxes levied for any fund not yet collected. The total amount of certificates issued against any fund for any year with interest until maturity cannot exceed 90 percent of the total current taxes for the fund uncollected at the time of issuance. The certificates can be issued on terms and conditions the council decides and can bear interest at no more than the legal rate, but they must become due and payable not later than the first day of April of the year following their issuance. The proceeds of the tax levied for the fund against which tax anticipation certificates are issued and the full faith and credit of the city must be irrevocably pledged for the redemption of the certificates in the order of their issuance against the fund. The council may, by a vote of at least five (5) of its members, adopt an ordinance to authorize the issuance of a general obligation tax anticipation certificate. The council may, by a vote of at least four (4) of its members, adopt a resolution to award the sale of a general obligation tax anticipation certificate.

Section 3. That Chapter 7, Section 7.16, of the City Charter is amended by deleting those words struck through and contained in brackets [] and by adding those words that are underlined, to read as follows:

§ 7.16 EMERGENCY DEBT CERTIFICATES.

If in any year the receipts from taxes or other sources are insufficient for the ordinary expenses of the city because of any unforeseen cause, or any calamity or other public emergency that subjects the city to extraordinary expenditures, the council can by ordinance issue and sell on terms and in the manner as the council determines emergency debt certificates for not to exceed

two years and to bear interest at not more than the legal rate. The council must levy a tax sufficient to pay principal and interest on the certificates with the margin required by law. At least five (5) members of the council must approve the ordinance authorizing an issue of the emergency debt certificates stating the nature of the emergency. It can be passed as an emergency ordinance. The council may, by a vote of at least four (4) of its members, adopt a resolution to award the sale of an emergency debt certificate.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective 90 days after publication.

Passed and adopted this ___ day of _____, 2026.

/s/ _____

Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ _____

/s/ _____

City Attorney

ORDINANCE NO. 2026- __

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CHARTER SECTION 7.17
RELATING TO GENERAL OBLIGATION CHARTER BONDS
AND LIMITATION ON NET DEBT OBLIGATIONS

The City Council of the City of Bloomington, Minnesota does hereby ordain:

Section 1. That Chapter 7, Section 7.17, of the City Charter is amended by deleting those words struck through and contained in brackets [] and by adding those words that are underlined, to read as follows:

§ 7.17 GENERAL OBLIGATION CHARTER BONDS AND LIMITATION ON NET DEBT OBLIGATIONS.

Subdivision 1. By a vote of at least five (5) of its members, the council may~~can~~ adopt a resolution to authorize the issuance of general obligation charter bonds that pledge the full faith and credit and taxing powers of the city. The general obligation charter bonds can be issued on such terms and conditions the council determines, without obtaining the approval of a majority of the electors voting on the question of issuing such general obligation charter bonds. The city can pledge to the payment of the general obligation charter bonds any other available revenues or assets of the city. The general obligation charter bonds can be issued for a public purpose to finance any capital improvement and related costs including, but not limited to, interest on the bonds, the costs of feasibility studies, design, and plans and specifications; publication costs; costs of issuance; and other capital costs of any capital improvement. The general obligation charter bonds shall not be issued for at least thirty (30) days after the publication in the official newspaper of the city of the council resolution determining to issue such bonds; and, if before the expiration of such thirty (30) days, a petition requesting an election on the proposition to issue such bonds is filed with the city clerk and such petition is signed by registered voters of the

city equal to the lesser of five percent (5%) of the registered voters of the city as of the last general election, or 2,000 registered voters, then the city may not issue such general obligation charter bonds until the proposition has been approved by a majority of the votes cast on the question at a regular or special election. The council may, by a vote of at least four (4) of its members, adopt a resolution to award of the sale of general obligation charter bonds.

Subdivision 2. The term "net debt bonds" in this subdivision means any general obligation subject to the net debt limit as defined in Minnesota Statutes Chapter 475, as amended (or any successor statutes). No general obligation charter bonds issued under this Section 7.17 or other general obligations subject to the net debt limit imposed by Minnesota Statutes~~[, Chapter 475, as amended (or any successor statutes),]~~ may be issued by the city if the principal amount of such general obligation bonds, when added to the outstanding principal amount of all other general obligation charter bonds and ~~general obligation~~ net debt bonds, shall exceed one percent (1%) of the estimated market value of taxable property in the city as of the date such general obligation charter bonds or ~~general obligation~~ net debt bonds are proposed to be issued by the city. The provisions of this subdivision 2 do not apply to net debt bonds that have obtained the approval of a majority of the electors voting on the question of issuing [the] such general obligation bonds that constitute net debt bonds as defined herein. The outstanding principal amount of ~~[net debt] such bonds [that] for which voter approval was obtained [the approval of a majority of the electors voting on the question of issuing the net debt bonds]~~ are not included in determining whether the one percent (1%) limit will be exceeded.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective 90 days after publication.

Passed and adopted this __ day of _____, 2026.

/s/
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/

/s/
City Attorney

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