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AN ORDINANCE

calling a special election in the City of Columbia, Missouri, to be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, on the question whether to impose an additional sales tax of one percent for the purpose of improving city public safety services; directing notification of the election authority; describing the form of the notice of election; directing the City Manager to provide a detailed report to the Council on the revenues and expenditures associated with the proceeds generated by the sales tax as part of the annual budget process; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri, as follows:

SECTION 1. A special election is hereby ordered to be held in the City of Columbia, Missouri, on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, on the following question:

PROPOSITION 1

Shall the municipality of Columbia, Missouri impose an additional citywide sales tax at a rate of one percent, solely for the purpose of providing revenues to improve public safety for the city, which shall be limited to expenditures on equipment, salaries and benefits, and facilities for police and fire departments?

YES

NO

SECTION 2. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to notify the Clerk of the County Commission of Boone County, Missouri, of the adoption of this ordinance no later than 5 o'clock p.m. on May 26, 2026, and to include in the notification all of the terms and provisions required by Chapter 115, RSMo. as amended.

SECTION 3. The form of the notice of election shall be substantially as set forth on "Exhibit A" attached hereto.

SECTION 4. The election shall be held and conducted, and the results thereof canvassed and returned, in all respects in accordance with the laws of the State of Missouri and the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Columbia, Missouri.

SECTION 5. If approved by the voters, as a part of the annual budget process the City Manager shall provide a detailed report to the Council on the revenues and expenditures associated with the proceeds generated by the sales tax.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED: May 18, 2026

Barbara Bullabre
Mayor and Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

[Signature]
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

[Signature]
City Counselor