



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

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To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: April 14, 2023

Re: Declaring the Results of the April 4, 2023 Municipal Election and Special Election to Impose an Additional Sales Tax on the Retail Sale of Adult Use Marijuana

Executive Summary

This resolution formally declares the results of the April 4, 2023 municipal election and special election to impose an additional sales tax of three percent (3%) on the retail sale of adult use marijuana.

Discussion

On April 4, 2023, votes were cast for the following municipal officers:

Council Member, First Ward

Pat Fowler	371
Nick Knoth	747

Council Member, Fifth Ward

Donald Waterman	1,908
Gregg Bush	1,852

Based on the results of the election, Nick Knoth was duly elected Council member of Ward 1 and Donald Waterman was duly elected Council member of Ward 5.

Furthermore, on April 4, 2023, the voters approved the following proposition:

Proposition 1: Shall the municipality of Columbia, Missouri impose an additional sales tax of three percent (3%) on the retail sale of adult use marijuana?

A resolution has been prepared to formally declare the municipal and special election results as certified by County Clerk Brianna L. Lennon. Approval of the election results by Council is not required; however, staff prepares the resolution declaring the election results to create a permanent City record to track the outcome of an election.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Fiscal impact unknown at this time. The cost is based on the various entities who have placed an item on the ballot for any particular election.

In April 2022, the City's proportionate share for the costs relating to the municipal and special elections was \$65,383.33 with 18 entities having items on the ballot. City of Columbia election items in 2022 included filling positions for the Mayor, Council members for Ward 3 and Ward 4



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and local use tax. The cost for the August 2022 municipal special election for the Ward 3 candidate was \$20,591.50 with two entities participating.

Long-Term Impact: Unknown.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
01/17/2023	B353-22 (Ordinance No. 025232): Calling a special election, to be held on April 4, 2023, on the question whether to impose an additional sales tax of three percent (3%) on the retail sale of adult use marijuana.
01/17/2023	B352-22 (Ordinance No. 025231): Calling a municipal election to elect Council Members for Wards 1 and 5 for the City of Columbia.

Suggested Council Action

Adoption of the resolution.