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AN ORDINANCE

calling a special election in the City of Columbia, Missouri, to be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, on the question whether to extend the one-eighth of one percent local parks sales tax; directing notification of the election authority; describing the form of the notice of election; 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, November 2, 2021, on the following question:

PROPOSITION 1

Shall the municipality of Columbia, Missouri impose a sales tax of one-eighth of one percent, for a period of ten (10) years, for the purpose of funding capital improvements which may include the retirement of debt under previously authorized bonded indebtedness?*

- YES
- NO

The current one-fourth of one percent local parks sales tax is scheduled to be reduced to one-eighth of one percent on March 31, 2022. Approval of this proposition would keep the local parks sales tax rate at one-fourth of one percent for an additional ten (10) years.

The City intends to use this sales tax to fund land acquisition for parks, greenways and natural areas, maintenance improvements to existing parks and facilities, annual funding for equipment replacement and program scholarships, new facility and park development, land acquisition for trails and greenbelts and capital improvement projects for such, and contingency purposes.

*This language is required by state law. The City does not intend to use sales tax funds to retire debt under previously authorized bonded indebtedness.

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 August 24, 2021, 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. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED this 2nd day of August, 2021.

ATTEST:




City Clerk



Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Counselor