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COUNCIL BILL 2019 - 190

SPECIAL ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE

1 CALLING an election on Tuesday, November 5, 2019, in the City of Springfield,  
2 Missouri, to submit to qualified voters the question of whether to continue  
3 a one-eighth of one percent (1/8-cent) transportation sales tax on retail  
4 sales within the City for a period of twenty years; authorizing the City Clerk  
5 to do all things necessary and convenient to submit said question; and  
6 declaring an emergency.  
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9 WHEREAS, Section 94.705 RSMo., as amended, authorizes City Council to  
10 impose a sales tax up to one-half of one percent transportation sales tax on all retail  
11 sales made within the City for transportation purposes with the approval of the voters;  
12 and  
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14 WHEREAS, at an election on November 5, 1996, the voters did approve the  
15 imposition of a one-eighth of one percent transportation sales tax on all retail sales  
16 made within the City to fund high-priority transportation projects for a period of four  
17 years; and  
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19 WHEREAS, at elections on August 8, 2000; August 2, 2004; August 5, 2008;  
20 August 7, 2012; and April 5, 2016; voters approved the continuation of said tax; and  
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22 WHEREAS, the continuation of the one-eighth of one percent transportation  
23 sales tax would allow the City to fund additional high-priority transportation  
24 improvements; and  
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26 WHEREAS, the City finds it desirable to submit the question of continuing the  
27 one-eighth of one percent transportation sales tax for transportation purposes at an  
28 election to be held on November 5, 2019.  
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30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
31 SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, as follows, that:  
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33 Section 1 – An election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the City of  
34 Springfield, Missouri, on November 5, 2019, for the purpose of submitting to the  
35 qualified voters of the City the question of continuing the current one-eighth of one  
36 percent (1/8-cent) transportation sales tax for a period of twenty-years.  
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38 Section 2 – The ballot to submit the issue referenced in Section 1 shall be in  
39 substantially the same form as the following:  
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42 OFFICIAL BALLOT  
43 CITY ELECTION  
44 CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI  
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46 Shall the City of Springfield, Missouri, continue to impose a sales tax of one-  
47 eighth of one percent (1/8 cent) for transportation purposes to fund high-priority  
48 transportation improvements, with the tax to sunset in twenty years?  
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50 (Note: There will be no increase in the current sales tax level if the one-eighth of  
51 one percent transportation sales tax is continued.)  
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53 - → Yes - → No  
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55 INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:  
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57 To vote FOR the question, complete the arrow opposite YES.  
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59 To vote AGAINST the question, complete the arrow opposite NO.  
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62 Section 3 – The Greene County Clerk is hereby authorized to conduct an election  
63 in a manner consistent with the provisions of Chapter 115, RSMo.  
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65 Section 4 – The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to notify the Greene  
66 County Clerk of the adoption of this Ordinance as soon as practicable, but no later than  
67 5:00 p.m. on the tenth Tuesday prior to November 5, 2019, and to include in said  
68 notification all of the terms and provisions required by Chapter 115, RSMo. or any other  
69 law. The City Clerk is authorized to do all things necessary and convenient to ensure  
70 that the question is properly submitted to the voters on November 5, 2019.  
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72 Section 5 – City Council finds and declares, in accordance with City Charter  
73 section 2.12, that this Ordinance qualifies as an emergency because it relates to the  
74 calling of an election and so may be approved by the City Council on the same day as  
75 its introduction.  
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77 Section 6 – This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after  
78 passage. The tax authorized by the Ordinance shall run from April 1, 2021, (the sunset

79 of the prior transportation sales tax authorized by public vote), and for a period of twenty  
80 years thereafter.

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82 Passed at meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

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85 Mayor

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87 Attest: \_\_\_\_\_, City Clerk

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89 Filed as Ordinance: \_\_\_\_\_

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92 Approved as to form: Rhonda Lewaden, City Attorney

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95 Approved for Council action: Jason A. Page, City Manager

## **EXPLANATION TO COUNCIL BILL 2019-190**

FILED: 08-06-19

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Public Works

**PURPOSE:** Calling an election on Tuesday, November 5, 2019, in the City of Springfield, Missouri, to submit to qualified voters the question of whether to continue a one-eighth of one percent transportation sales tax on retail sales within the City for a period of twenty years; authorizing the City Clerk to do all things necessary and convenient to submit said question; and declaring an emergency.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The citizens of Springfield first approved the one-eighth of one percent (“1/8-cent”) Transportation Sales Tax in November 1996 with a sunset provision. The citizens also approved subsequent 1/8-cent Transportation Sales Tax referendums with the last approval in April 2016.

The list of programs and projects being proposed for the first four (4) years of this 1/8-cent referendum was developed using priorities identified in the July 2019 Transportation Survey that 1,686 people participated in.

All projects promised in the previous 1/8-cent Transportation Sales Tax referendums have been completed, are under contract, or will be under contract in 2020. This ordinance will place the extension of the 1/8-cent Transportation Sales Tax on the ballot for November 5, 2019. It is estimated that the sales tax will generate approximately \$24,250,000 during the first four (4) years of the proposed twenty-year extension. Attached is a list of proposed programs and projects to be funded during the first four (4) years (“Exhibit A”) totaling an estimated \$22,000,000, plus a reserve for project contingencies and overhead expenses of \$2,250,000.

Passage of the 1/8-cent Transportation Sales Tax by voters will extend the tax through March 31, 2041. Public engagement, including public surveys, will continue to occur to collect feedback that will be used in the selection of future projects and programs. In addition, as project planning occurs, the six-year Capital Improvement Plan will continue to be brought to City Council for review and approval each year. Use of funding from the 1/8-cent Transportation Sales Tax is also reviewed and monitored by the Citizens Tax Oversight Committee.

This council bill supports three of the four City Council Priorities:

- Public safety
- Economic vitality
- Fiscal sustainability

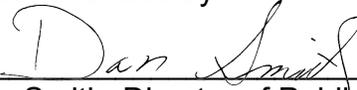
**REMARKS:** Public Works recommends passage of this Council bill. This bill is being presented as an emergency measure, but it is anticipated that the bill will have two separate readings at two separate City Council meetings. The bill is offered as an

emergency to give Council the opportunity to amend the bill during the second reading without having to hold the bill over for an additional meeting.

Submitted by:

  
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Martin Gugel, Assistant Director of Public Works

Recommended by:

  
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Dan Smith, Director of Public Works

Approved by:

  
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Jason Gage, City Manager

# Exhibit A

## Proposed 2021-2041 1/8-Cent Transportation Sales Tax Program - 20 Years Draft of Proposed Projects for Years 2021-2025 (Years 1 to 4)

Projected 2021-2041 1/8-Cent Revenues (Years 1 to 20 - April 2021 to March 2041)	136,750,000
Less: Projected 2025-2041 1/8-Cent Revenues (Years 5 to 20 - April 2025 to March 2041)	<u>(112,500,000)</u>
Projected 2021-2025 1/8-Cent Revenues (Years 1 to 4 - April 2021 to March 2025)	24,250,000
Reserves for Years 1 to 4 (Project Contingencies & Overhead)	<u>(2,250,000)</u>
<b>2021-2025 Estimated Revenues Available for Transportation Improvements (Years 1 to 4)</b>	<b>22,000,000</b>

### Proposed Transportation Programs:

Major Street Resurfacing & Rehabilitation (*)	5,200,000
Traffic Flow & Safety (includes signal system, turn lane, & railroad improvements)(*)	1,800,000
Walkability (includes sidewalks; ADA sidewalk transition plan, and new trails)(*)	2,000,000
Public/Private Shared Cost & Economic Development (*)	2,200,000
Bridge Repair & Replacement (*)	<u>800,000</u>
<b>Total Proposed Transportation Programs</b>	<b>12,000,000</b>

### Proposed Transportation Projects:

National Avenue - Battlefield to Walnut Lawn	1,400,000
Campbell & Walnut Lawn Intersection	4,500,000
Kansas Expressway & Walnut Lawn Intersection (*)	250,000
National & Division Intersection	800,000
Kansas Expressway & Sunset Intersection (*)	250,000
Central Street Phase 2 - Benton to Clay (*)	<u>2,800,000</u>
<b>Total Proposed Transportation Projects</b>	<b>10,000,000</b>

<b>Total Proposed Programs &amp; Projects for 2021-2025 (Years 1 to 4 - April 2021 to March 2025)</b>	<b>22,000,000</b>
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(\*) May be supplemented with federal funds.