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COUNCIL BILL         2018 - 253        

SPECIAL ORDINANCE                                 

AN ORDINANCE

1 CALLING an election on Tuesday, April 2, 2019, in the City of Springfield, Missouri, to  
2 submit to the qualified voters the question of whether to continue the one-  
3 fourth of one percent Capital Improvements Sales Tax for a period of twenty  
4 years; authorizing the City Clerk to do all things necessary and convenient to  
5 submit said question; and declaring an emergency.  
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8 WHEREAS, Section 94.577 RSMo., amended, authorizes City Council to levy a  
9 one-fourth of one percent Capital Improvements Sales Tax on all retail sales made  
10 within the City for the purpose of funding capital improvements; and  
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12 WHEREAS, at an election on August 8, 1989, the voters did approve the  
13 imposition of a one-fourth of one percent Capital Improvements Sales Tax on all retail  
14 sales made within the City the purpose of funding capital improvements for a period of  
15 three years; and  
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17 WHEREAS, at elections on August 4, 1992, February 7, 1995, February 3, 1998,  
18 February 6, 2001, February 3, 2004, February 6, 2007, June 8, 2010, April 2, 2013, and  
19 April 5, 2016, the voters approved the continuation of said tax; and  
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21 WHEREAS, the continuation of the one-fourth of one percent capital  
22 improvements sales tax would allow the City to fund capital improvement projects  
23 including traditional infrastructure projects, projects started in previous 1/4-cent Capital  
24 Improvements Sales Tax renewals, and new projects; and  
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26 WHEREAS, the City finds it desirable to submit the question of continuing the  
27 one-fourth of one percent Capital Improvements Sales Tax for the purpose of funding  
28 capital improvements at an election to be held on April 2, 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 April 2, 2019, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified  
35 voters of the City the question of continuing the current one-fourth of one percent  
36 Capital Improvements 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 fourth of one percent for the purpose of funding capital improvements, with  
48 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-fourth of  
51 one percent Capital Improvements 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 April 2, 2019, and to include in said notification  
68 all of the terms and provisions required by Chapter 115, RSMo. or any other law. The  
69 City Clerk is authorized to do all things necessary and convenient to ensure that the  
70 question is properly submitted to the voters on April 2, 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.

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 October 1, 2019, for a  
79 period of twenty years thereafter.

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81 Passed at meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

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84 Mayor

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86 Attest: \_\_\_\_\_, City Clerk

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88 Filed as Ordinance: \_\_\_\_\_

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91 Approved as to form: *Achalee T. Weder*, Assistant City Attorney

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94 Approved for Council action: *Juan A. Hays*, City Manager

## **EXPLANATION TO COUNCIL BILL 2018- 253**

FILED: 10-16-18

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Public Works

**PURPOSE:** To call an election on Tuesday, April 2, 2019, in the City of Springfield, Missouri, to submit to the qualified voters the question of whether to continue the one-fourth of one percent Capital Improvements Sales Tax 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 1/4-cent Capital Improvements Sales Tax in August 1989 with a sunset provision. The citizens also approved subsequent 1/4-cent Capital Improvements Sales Tax referendums with the last approval in April 2016.

City Council reviewed a list of the initial programs and projects on October 2, 2018. The list being proposed for the first 5 years of this 1/4-cent referendum was developed using priorities identified in the Transportation and Capital Improvements Survey that 1,504 people participated in.

All projects promised in the previous 1/4-cent Capital Improvements Sales Tax referendums have been completed, are under contract, or will be under contract in 2019. This ordinance will place the extension of the 1/4-cent Capital Improvements Sales Tax on the ballot for April 2, 2019. It is estimated that the sales tax will generate approximately \$59,250,000 during the first five (5) years of the proposed twenty-year extension. Attached is a list of proposed programs and projects to be funded during the first five years ("Exhibit A") totaling an estimated \$50,800,000, plus a reserve for project contingencies and overhead expenses of \$8,450,000. The reserve for contingencies includes \$3,450,000 that is anticipated to be allocated for the construction of one of the three "Design & Partial Right of Way" projects shown in "Exhibit A" once design is completed for those projects and will require future City Council approval of those construction funds. As in the past, the proposed project list includes traditional infrastructure projects, continuation projects started in previous 1/4-cent Capital Improvements Sales Tax renewals, and new projects.

Passage of the 1/4-cent Capital Improvements Sales Tax by voters will extend the tax through September 30, 2039. Public engagement, including public surveys, will continue to occur on a regular basis 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 1/4-cent Capital Improvements Sales Tax is also reviewed and monitored by the Citizens Tax Oversight Committee.

Supports three of the four City Council Priorities:

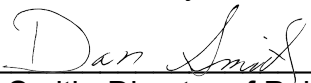
- Public safety
- Economic vitality
- Fiscal sustainability

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

## 2019-2039 1/4 Cent Sales Tax Program - 20 Years

### Draft of Proposed Projects for Years 2019-2024 (Years 1 to 5)

Projected 2019-2039 1/4 Cent Revenues (Years 1 to 20 - Oct 2019 to Sept 2039)	265,500,000
Less: Projected 2024-2039 1/4 Cent Revenues (Years 6 to 20 - Oct 2024 to Sept 2039)	<u>(206,250,000)</u>
Projected 2019-2024 1/4 Cent Revenues (Years 1 to 5 - Oct 2019 to Sept 2024)	59,250,000
Reserves for Years 1 to 5 (Project Contingencies & Overhead)	<u>(5,000,000)</u>

<b>2019-2024 Estimated Revenues Available for Capital Improvements (Years 1 to 5)</b>	<b>54,250,000</b>
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**Traditional Programs:**

Public/Private Shared Cost and Economic Development	2,580,000
Sidewalk/Curb/Gutter & Ramp Construction	4,200,000
School Sidewalk Program	1,700,000
Neighborhood Initiative Program	1,000,000
Metro/Safety Signs and Markings ( <i>includes bike routes</i> )	1,500,000
Major Street Resurfacing/Rehabilitation ( <i>includes portions of Battlefield, Sunshine, &amp; National</i> )	7,700,000
Traffic Signal/Traffic Calming Program ( <i>includes signal improvements at National/Commercial</i> )	2,000,000
Minor Neighborhood Improvements (Pothole Funds)	1,000,000
Center City Development ( <i>Includes Jefferson Avenue Streetscape - Walnut to St. Louis</i> )	1,700,000
Reforestation & Landscaping Improvements	<u>3,500,000</u>
<b>Total Traditional Programs</b>	<b>26,880,000</b>

**Continuation Projects**

Galloway Street (Luster to Lone Pine)	6,600,000
Division Street (National to Glenstone)	3,250,000

**Design & Partial Right-of-Way (ROW)**

Kansas Avenue (Maplewood to Walnut Lawn)	750,000
Fremont Avenue (Erie to Independence)	720,000
Campbell Avenue (Republic to Westview)	400,000

**New Projects**

Scenic Avenue Bridge over Wilson's Creek	1,500,000
Walnut Street Bridge over Jordan Creek	1,000,000
National/Sunset Intersection Improvements	800,000
Battlefield/Lone Pine Intersection Improvements	800,000
West Bypass & Kearney Intersection Improvements	300,000
Division Street Sidewalk (West Avenue to Kansas Expressway)	200,000

<b><u>Storm Water Permit Compliance (Water Quality) &amp; Flood Control Projects</u></b>	<u>7,600,000</u>
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<b>Total Projects</b>	<b>23,920,000</b>
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<b>Total Traditional Programs &amp; Projects for 2019-2024 (Years 1 to 5 - Oct 2019 to Sept 2024)</b>	<b>50,800,000</b>
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<b>Uncommitted 2019-20124 Estimated Revenues Available for Future Projects To Be Determined</b>	<b>3,450,000</b>
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