

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION AND PROPOSAL TO AMEND HOME RULE CHARTER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election has been called and will be held on Tuesday, November _____, 2023, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. central time, to consider amendments to Subsection (p)(2) of Article III to the Grand Forks Home Rule Charter to add financing, design, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, and/or leasing of health and wellness multi-use facilities, related land, fixtures and infrastructure improvements as an authorized dedicated use by the City Council of the existing three-quarter percent ($\frac{3}{4}\%$) gross retail sales tax, along with eliminating the provision that expires or otherwise terminates the City's authority to impose this three-quarter percent ($\frac{3}{4}\%$) gross retail sales tax.

A combined polling place for the special election, serving all wards and precincts, will be held at the following location:

Alerus Center
1200 South 42nd Street
Grand Forks, North Dakota 58201

All qualified electors residing within the City limits may cast a ballot at the polling place designated above during the polling hours specified above. Absentee ballots may be obtained at the Grand Forks County Auditor's Office, Grand Forks County Office Building, 151 South 4th Street, Grand Forks, ND 58201.

Below is a sample ballot:

CITY OF GRAND FORKS

HOME RULE CHARTER AMENDMENT BALLOT

November __, 2023

Propose adding finance, design, acquisition, construction, reconstruction and/or leasing of health and wellness facilities, and related land, fixtures and infrastructure improvements as authorized uses of the $\frac{3}{4}\%$ gross retail sales tax proceeds authorized to be imposed under Subsection (p)(2) of Article III of the Home Rule Charter; along with eliminating the provision that expires or otherwise terminates the City's authority to impose this $\frac{3}{4}\%$ gross retail sales tax.

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

Voters desiring to vote in favor of the matter should place a mark in the box to the left of the word "Yes."

Voters desiring to vote against the matter should place a mark in the box to the left of the word "No."

- DO NOT CROSS OUT – if you make a mistake or change your mind, exchange your ballot for a new one.
- AFTER VOTING – Bring your voted ballot, inside the secrecy folder to the ballot box. Insert your voted ballot into the ballot box and leave the folder on the table.

BALLOT QUESTION

Shall Subsection (p)(2) of Article III of the Home Rule Charter for the City of Grand Forks be amended to add financing, design, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, and/or leasing of health and wellness multi-use facilities, and related land, fixtures, and infrastructure improvements as authorized uses of the proceeds from the three-quarter percent (¾%) gross retail sales tax authorized to be imposed by this Subsection of the Home Rule Charter, with the added health and wellness facilities to be used as centers for health, wellness, fitness, exercise, athletic, aquatic, and/or recreational activities, functions and events; along with eliminating the provision of Subsection (p)(2) of Article III of the Home Rule Charter that expires or otherwise terminates the City’s authority to impose this three-quarter percent (¾%) gross retail sales tax; all as provided in the Notice of Special Election and Proposal to Amend Home Rule Charter as published in the Grand Forks Herald on the ___ day of _____, 2023 and on the ___ day of _____, 2023.

Yes – means you approve amending Subsection (p)(2) of Article III of the Home Rule Charter to add financing, design, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, and/or leasing of health and wellness multi-use facilities, and related land, fixtures and infrastructure improvements as authorized uses for the existing three-quarter percent (¾%) gross retail sales tax and to eliminate the expiration or other termination of the City’s authority to impose this three-quarter percent (¾%) gross retail sales tax.

No – means you disapprove amending Subsection (p)(2) of Article III of the Home Rule Charter to add financing, design, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, and/or leasing of health and wellness multi-use facilities, and related land, fixtures and infrastructure improvements as an authorized uses of the existing three-quarter percent (¾%) gross retail sales tax and to eliminate the expiration or other termination of the City’s authority to impose this three-quarter percent (¾%) gross retail sales tax.

OFFICIAL BALLOT NOVEMBER __, 2023

ELECTION OFFICIAL INITIALS: _____

ALL BALLOTS MUST FIRST BE INITIALED BY
APPROPRIATE ELECTION OFFICIALS IN ORDER TO BE
COUNTED.