

TOWN ELECTION BALLOT

TOWN OF _____
GENERAL ELECTION (Optional)
March 11, 2014

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 Put an (X) in the square opposite the name of each candidate you wish to vote for. To vote for a question, put an (X) in the square next to the word "YES" for that question. To vote against a question, put an (X) in the square next to the word "NO" for that question.

TOWN SUPERVISOR
NAME AND OR NUMBER OF SEAT (IF APPLICABLE)
 VOTE FOR ONE

	CANDIDATE
	CANDIDATE
	write-in, if any

Special Election for TOWN SUPERVISOR
NAME AND OR NUMBER OF SEAT
To fill vacancy in term expiring March 10, 2015
 VOTE FOR ONE

	CANDIDATE
	CANDIDATE
	write-in, if any

TOWN CLERK
 VOTE FOR ONE

	CANDIDATE
	CANDIDATE
	write-in, if any

TOWN QUESTION (NUMBER)

QUESTION TITLE (Upper case letters; no more than 10 words)

	YES
	NO

Body of the question printed in upper and lower case letters.

TOWN QUESTION (NUMBER)

QUESTION TITLE (Upper case letters; no more than 10 words)

	YES
	NO

(Body of the question printed in upper and lower case letters.) Question authorizing a property tax levy or tax rate increase, including the issuance of debt obligations payable in whole or in part from property taxes.

BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The maximum amount of increased levy as a percentage of market value is _____%

The amount that will be raised by the new referendum tax rate in the first year it is to be levied is \$_____.

M.S. §205.17 "...In all...towns, the municipal clerk shall have printed the official ballot containing the names of all candidates for municipal offices and municipal ballot questions. On town ballots names of the candidates for each office shall be arranged either: (1) alphabetically according to the candidates surname; or (2) in the manner provided for state elections if the town electors chose at the town's annual meeting to arrange the names in that way for at least two consecutive years."

M.R. 8250.0800 "...Below the name of the last candidate for each office shall be placed as many blank lines as there are offices of that kind to be filled, and on the blank lines the voter may write the names of persons not printed on the ballot for whom the voter desires to vote...."

M.S. §367.03, Subd. 5 "...Except in towns operating under Option B or Option D, or both, or in towns operating as provided in subdivision 4, at the annual town election in even-numbered years one town clerk and at the annual town election odd-numbered years one town treasurer shall be elected. The clerk and treasurer each shall serve for 2 years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

M.S. §275.60(a): Levy or Bond Referendum; Ballot Notice - "Notwithstanding any general or special law or any charter provisions, but subject to section 126C.17, subdivision 9, any question submitted to the voters by any local governmental subdivision at a general or special election after June 8, 1995 authorizing a property tax levy or tax rate increase, including the issuance of debt obligations payable in whole or in part from property taxes, must include on the ballot the following notice in boldface type: **"BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE."**

M.R. 8250.0385 Subp. 2. **Ballot order.** The municipal clerk may add the type of election directly above the dateTown offices must be listed in the following order and must be identified as follows in upper case letters:
TOWN SUPERVISOR
TOWN CLERK
TOWN TREASURER
 The name and/or number of the district that the person elected will represent must be printed in upper case letters or numbers directly under the title of the office.

Municipal offices elected at large must be listed before other offices of the same type elected by district. Where municipal offices are designated by number, those offices must be listed in numerical order. If two of the offices listed [above] have been combined into one office, the combined office must take the place of the first office listed in this subpart. **Vacant municipal offices being filled by special election must be listed with offices of the same type but after any offices for which candidates will be elected for a full term.** The title of a vacant township office being filled at an annual town election may be followed by the number of years remaining in the term. Municipal offices not listed in this subpart must follow the last office listed above and must be listed in the order determined by the municipal clerk.

M.S. § 275.61, subd. 1 – Voter Approved Levy; Market Value - "...The ballot shall state the maximum amount of the increased levy as a percentage of market value and the amount that will be raised by the new referendum tax rate in the first year it is to be levied.

This is the back of the Town Election Ballot.

M.S. §204B.37 Back of Ballot – “On the back of all ballots shall be printed the words “Official Ballot”, the date of the election and lines for the initials of at least two election judges. The words shall be printed so that they will be visible when the ballot is properly folded for deposit in the ballot box.”

(Example **Town Election Ballot** for March 11, 2014 Town General Election per M.S. §205.17, M.S. §275.60, M.S. §275.61, M.R. 8250.0100, M.R. 8250.0300, M.R. 8250.0385, M.R. 8250.0390, M.R. 8250.1100, M.R. 8250.1200)

OFFICIAL BALLOT
MARCH 11, 2014

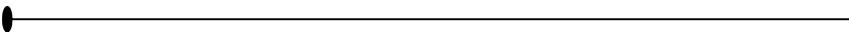
 Judge

 Judge

M.R. 8250.1200 – “...The words “OFFICIAL BALLOT” on the back of the ballot must be printed in upper case in as large as practicable but no smaller than 18-point bold type, the date in upper case in as large as practicable but no smaller than 8-point type, and the word “Judge” in upper and lower case in as large as practicable but no smaller than 10-point type.”

M.S. 367.03, subd. 1 “Supervisor terms. Except in towns operating under option A or in towns operating as provided in subdivision 4, three supervisors shall be elected in each town at the town general election as provided in this section. Each supervisor shall be elected to a term of three years and shall serve until a successor is elected and qualified.

NOTE: The number of candidate lines should equal the number of candidates who filed for office.



The ballot width may be no less than 4” wide.

NOTE: Additional instructions apply if your township:
 operates under the adoption of an optional form of government (M.S. 367.01)