

M.R. 8250.1810, subp. 3: "At the top of a ballot containing only nonpartisan offices, the words "GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT"... shall be printed, except for First-class cities which may use an optional heading..."

M.R. 8250.1810, subp. 10: "...When more than one question is on the ballot for a given jurisdiction, each ballot question must be designated by a number and must be preceded by the words... "CITY QUESTION,"... and the number assigned to the question in uppercase letters in as large as practicable but no smaller than 10-point bold face type...."

M.S. §204B.36, subd. 2: Number of write-in lines must equal the number to be elected.

M.R. 8250.1810, subp. 16: "The names of candidates to fill vacancies at a special election for...municipal offices must be listed under the heading "Special election (name of office)", followed by "To fill vacancy in term expiring (date)" with the name of the office, the date of expiration of the term, and any other information necessary to distinguish the office...Vacant offices being filled by special election must be listed with other offices of that type but after any offices for which a candidate will be elected for a full term...."

M.S. §412.02, subd. 1: The City Clerk and the City Treasurer each serve 4 year terms but they are not to be elected in the same year. Therefore, even though both the offices are on the Example Ballot only one should appear on the actual November 3, 2015 General Election Ballot.

OFFICIAL BALLOT		<b>GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT</b>	
Judge _____		CITY OF _____	
Judge _____		<b>NOVEMBER 3, 2015</b>	
<b>INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:</b> To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: ●			
<b>CITY OFFICES</b> OPTIONAL: CITY NAME		<b>CITY QUESTIONS</b>	
<b>MAYOR</b> VOTE FOR ONE		To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "YES" on that question. To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word "NO" on that question.	
<input type="radio"/> CANDIDATE _____			
<input type="radio"/> CANDIDATE _____			
<input type="radio"/> write-in, if any _____		<b>CITY QUESTION 1</b> THE QUESTION TITLE MUST CONSIST OF TEN OR FEWER WORDS	
<b>SPECIAL ELECTION FOR MAYOR</b> To fill vacancy in term expiring January 1, 2018 VOTE FOR ONE		The body of the question is printed here in upper and lower case letters, as large as possible, but in no case smaller than 10 point type. The title goes above in the shaded box, and must also be in no smaller than 10 point type. "YES" and "NO" must be placed directly below and no smaller than 10 point and bold.	
<input type="radio"/> CANDIDATE _____			
<input type="radio"/> CANDIDATE _____			
<input type="radio"/> write-in, if any _____		<b>CITY QUESTION 2</b> THE QUESTION TITLE MUST CONSIST OF TEN OR FEWER WORDS	
<b>COUNCIL MEMBER</b> IF REQUIRED: WARD OR DISTRICT <i>n</i> or AT LARGE VOTE FOR UP TO TWO		The body of the question is printed here in upper and lower case letters, as large as possible, but in no case smaller than 10 point type. "YES" and "NO" must be placed directly below and no smaller than 10 point and bold.	
<input type="radio"/> CANDIDATE _____			
<input type="radio"/> CANDIDATE _____			
<input type="radio"/> CANDIDATE _____		<b>CITY QUESTION 3</b> THE QUESTION TITLE MUST CONSIST OF TEN OR FEWER WORDS	
<input type="radio"/> write-in, if any _____		When two or more questions from the same jurisdiction appear on a ballot, the questions must be numbered. All other formatting rules apply, however, you do not need to repeat the instructions.	
<input type="radio"/> CANDIDATE _____			
<input type="radio"/> write-in, if any _____			
<b>SPECIAL ELECTION FOR COUNCIL MEMBER</b> IF REQUIRED: WARD <i>n</i> OR DISTRICT <i>n</i> or AT LARGE To fill vacancy in term expiring January 1, 2018 VOTE FOR ONE		<b>BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.</b>	
<input type="radio"/> CANDIDATE _____		The maximum amount of increased levy as a percentage of market value is _____%	
<input type="radio"/> CANDIDATE _____			
<input type="radio"/> write-in, if any _____			
<b>CITY CLERK or CITY TREASURER</b> VOTE FOR ONE		The amount that will be raised by the new referendum tax rate in the first year it is to be levied is \$_____.	
<input type="radio"/> CANDIDATE _____			
<input type="radio"/> CANDIDATE _____			
<input type="radio"/> write-in, if any _____		<b>Precinct Name</b>	

M.S. §275.61, Subd. 1: "...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 subdivision does not apply to tax levies for the payment of debt obligations that are approved by the voters after June 30, 2008."

M.S. §275.60: "(a) 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. 8250.1810, subp. 5: "When more than one of the following types of offices is on the ballot, the offices must appear on the ballot in the following order and must be identified as follows in uppercase in as large as practicable but no smaller than 14-point bold face type:...' CITY OFFICES CITY QUESTION... The name or the number of the appropriate municipality, school district, or special district may be added directly under the office types listed in this subpart."

M.R. 8250.1810, subp. 6: "The offices must appear on the ballot in the following order and must be identified as follows in uppercase letters and printed in uppercase in as large as practicable but no smaller than 10-point bold face type. The office title must either be shaded with a screen of ten percent or less, or printed white on black:...' "MAYOR" "COUNCIL MEMBER" "CITY CLERK" "CITY TREASURER" "CITY QUESTIONS..." If on the same ballot with other offices of the same type, offices elected at large must include "AT LARGE" following the office identification and must be listed before other offices of the same type elected by district. Where nonjudicial offices are designated by number, those offices must be listed in numerical order and must be printed in uppercase letters or numbers directly under the title of the office...If an office is not to be filled at a general election, the office must not appear on the ballot..."

M.R. 8250.1810, subp. 1: "...Each ballot must have printed on it both the name of the precinct and an electronically readable precinct identifier or ballot style indicator. A ballot style used in more than one precinct may have the names of all precincts in which it is used printed on the ballot. If multiple ballots styles are to be used in the same precinct for precincts split by school districts, each ballot style must include the precinct name and applicable school district number..."