

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 as large as practicable but no smaller than 10-point bold type....”

M.S. §204B.36, subd. 2; 8250.1810, subp. 8: 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 for (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 4, 2025 General Election Ballot.

Official Ballot

Judge_____

Judge_____

General Election Ballot

City Election Ballot

City of _____

November 4, 2025

Instructions to Voters:

To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this:

City Offices

Optional: City Name

Mayor

Optional: City Name

Vote for One

Candidate

Candidate

write-in, if any

Special Election for Mayor

To fill vacancy in term expiring

January 3, 2028

Vote for One

Candidate

Candidate

write-in, if any

Council Member

If Required: Ward *n* or District *n* or At Large

Vote for Up to Two

Candidate

Candidate

Candidate

write-in, if any

write-in, if any

Special Election for Council Member

If Required: Ward *n* or District *n* or At Large

To fill vacancy in term expiring January 3, 2028

Vote for One

Candidate

Candidate

write-in, if any

City Clerk or City Treasurer

Vote for One

Candidate

Candidate

write-in, if any

City Questions

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.

City Question 1

The Question Title Must Consist of Ten or Fewer Words

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 must be printed in the same section as the body of the question to which it refers, 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.

Yes

No

City Question 2

The Question Title Must Consist of Ten or Fewer Words

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 must be printed in the same section as the body of the question to which it refers, 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.

Yes

No

City Question 3

The Question Title Must Consist of Ten or Fewer Words

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.

Yes

No

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.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:...
City Offices
City Questions...
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 as large as practicable but no smaller than 10-point bold type. The office title must either be shaded with a screen of at least ten percent :...
“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 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.S. §206.61, “subd. 4. **Order of candidates.** ...On the... ballot prepared for the general election the order of...names of candidates for election shall be the same as required for paper ballots. More than one column or row may be used for the same office or party. Electronic ballot display and audio ballot readers must conform to the candidate order on the optical scan ballot used in the precinct.
Subd. 5. **Alternation.** The provisions of the election laws requiring the alternation of names of candidates must be observed as far as practicable by changing the order of the names on an electronic voting system in the various precincts so that each name appears on the machines or marking devices used in a municipality substantially an equal number of times in the first, last and in each intermediate place in the list or group in which they belong. However, the arrangement of candidates’ names must be the same on all voting systems used in the same precinct. If the number of names to be alternated exceeds the number of precincts, the election official responsible for providing the ballots, in accordance with subdivision 1, shall determine by lot the alternation of names. If an electronic ballot marker is used with a paper ballot that is not an optical scan ballot card, the manner of alternation of candidate names on the paper ballot must be as prescribed for optical scan ballots in this subdivision.”

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. 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...”

Precinct Name