



LITTLE FALLS COMMUNITY CENTER AND RECREATION COMPLEX

Local Option Sales and Use Tax—Ballot Question

What is the Ballot Question?

“Shall the City of Little Falls, Minnesota, be authorized to impose a sales and use tax of one-half of one percent to finance the acquisition and betterment of a new community center and recreation complex in the City?”

How long will the tax be collected?

For 20 years or the proceeds reach \$10 million, which ever comes first.

How much will I pay?

Anyone purchasing goods that are eligible for sales and use taxes will pay 0.05% in additional taxes on their purchase.

This is equal to \$0.50 (fifty cents) on \$100 of taxable items.

Why a Sales and Use Tax?

Building the facility will not affect property taxes.

Local option sales taxes can be used by Cities to build assets in their community and only for capital costs.

Sales and use taxes are paid by more than citizens living within the City Limits.

According to analysis on the sales and use taxes in Little Falls, the City can expect to generate \$530,731/year in revenue. 41.7% of that revenue would be paid by residents who do not live in the City of Little Falls.

What other Cities around Little Falls have Local Option Sales and Use Tax Collections?

Brainerd and Baxter: Water and Wastewater facilities and infrastructure for the Brainerd Lakes Airport.

Central MN Cities (St. Cloud, Sauk Rapids, Sartell, St. Augusta, St. Joseph and Waite Park): for the St. Cloud Airport and a variety of capital projects in each city.

Clearwater: to fund the acquisition, construction and improvement of a pedestrian bridge, and land and buildings for a community recreation center.

Where would the Community Center and Recreation Complex be located?

To be determined, but if the facility would include conference rooms, it would be more suited to be located near the Highway 10/371 and Highway 27 interchange.

When would it be built?

If the vote passes, it still needs legislative approval, and tax collection would likely start in October 2019. The Council would still be taking public input, on the components of the facility and complex, it could take a couple years to finalize design, plan and construct the facility and complex.

What will the funds be used for?

- Capital Costs for construction of the Community Center and Recreation Complex
- Nothing else

What will be included in the Community Center and Recreation Complex?

That is still to be determined, here are some items the public input has had interest to see included.

Very Likely to include:

- Conference Meeting Space to serve 300-400 participants, with ability to split the space into small rooms.
- Catering Kitchen to serve conference events.
- Outdoor recreational activities, i.e. splash pad, playgrounds, etc.
- Gym space with room for 2 Basketball courts, that can serve multiple sports like tennis, gymnastics, dance, volleyball, pickleball, etc.
- Indoor walking/jogging track.
- Multi-purpose rooms for Community Meetings.

Possible to Include:

- Space to operate a daycare and or preschool.
- Space to lease for community oriented non-profits.

It would likely not include:

- Fitness Center
- Ice Arena

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