

**Subject** City of Litchfield; local sales tax authority

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### Overview

Allows the city of Litchfield to impose a 0.5% local sales tax to raise \$10 million for construction of a community wellness/recreation center. If approved by the voters at a general election, the city may raise \$10 million for the project plus bond costs. The tax will expire at the earlier of (1) 20 years after being imposed, or (2) when the necessary amounts are raised for the approved project.

## Summary

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**Subd. 1. Sales and use tax authorization.** Allows the city of Litchfield to impose a local sales and use tax of 0.5% if approved at a general election.

**Subd. 2. Use of sales tax revenues.** Allows the city to use the tax revenues to raise \$10 million for construction of a community wellness/recreation center.

**Subd. 3. Bonding authority.** Allows the city to bond for the project listed in subdivision 2 if the tax is approved by the voters. The amount of bonds that may be issued for the project is \$10 million plus an amount needed to cover the costs of issuing the bonds. Issuance of the bonds are not subject to a separate vote and the bonds are not included in any debt or levy limits.

**Subd. 4. Termination of the tax.** The tax terminates at the earlier of (1) 20 years after being imposed, or (2) when revenues are sufficient to pay for the approved projects and any associated bond costs, subject to the requirements that the termination occurs at the start of a calendar quarter.

Any excess revenue related to the timing of the termination goes into either the state or city general fund. The city may, by ordinance, terminate the tax early.