



Bloomington Charter Commission Special Meeting AGENDA

**BLOOMINGTON CHARTER COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026
NORMAL MEETING LOCATION: CHADWICK CONFERENCE ROOM
BLOOMINGTON CIVIC PLAZA
1800 W. OLD SHAKOPEE RD.
BLOOMINGTON, MN 55431
7:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

2.1 Appointment of Commission Secretary

2.2 Follow Up from 2026 Charter Review

Chapter 5 Charter Amendment: Sections 5.05, 5.11, and 5.16

Chapter 7 Charter Amendment: Sections 7.06, 7.10, 7.14, 7.15, 7.16, 7.17

Chapter 12 Charter Amendment: Section 12.14

3. ADJOURNMENT

3.1 Adjournment

This meeting will be held in person and electronically via Microsoft Teams. Some members of the Charter Commission, testifiers, and presenters may participate electronically as permitted by Minnesota Statutes. Members of the public may participate in person or electronically.

Join link:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/28850760409846?p=c5IVU3lIGY97pELodij>

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Commission Agenda Item

Originator Legal	Item 2.1 Appointment of Commission Secretary
Agenda Section ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS	Date April 16, 2026

Requested Action:

Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to appoint _____ as secretary to the Charter Commission.

Description:

Current Secretary Adrian Ng has been promoted to a paralegal in another division of the City Attorney's Office. Teresa Burback was also promoted and will be taking on many of Adrian's former assignments. The Charter Commission Attorney recommends that Teresa Burback be appointed as secretary to the Charter Commission.



Commission Agenda Item

Originator Legal	Item 2.2 Follow Up from 2026 Charter Review Chapter 5 Charter Amendment: Sections 5.05, 5.11, and 5.16 Chapter 7 Charter Amendment: Sections 7.06, 7.10, 7.14, 7.15, 7.16, 7.17 Chapter 12 Charter Amendment: Section 12.14
Agenda Section ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS	Date April 16, 2026

Requested Action:

Motion _____ second _____ to adopt Resolution No. 2026-__ C, A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE CITY COUNCIL ENACT A CHARTER AMENDMENT BY ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CHARTER SECTION 5.05, 5.11, AND 5.16 RELATING TO INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM AND RECALL.

and

Motion _____ second _____ to adopt Resolution No. 2026-__ C, A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE CITY COUNCIL ENACT A CHARTER AMENDMENT BY ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CHARTER SECTION 7.06 RELATING TO PASSAGE OF THE BUDGET.

and

Motion _____ second _____ to adopt Resolution No. 2026-__ C, A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE CITY COUNCIL ENACT A CHARTER AMENDMENT BY ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CHARTER SECTION 7.10 RELATING TO DISBURSEMENTS.

and

Motion _____ second _____ to adopt Resolution No. 2026-__ C, A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE CITY COUNCIL ENACT A CHARTER AMENDMENT BY ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CHARTER SECTIONS 7.14, 7.15, AND 7.16 RELATING TO PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT REVOLVING FUNDS, TAX ANTICIPATION CERTIFICATES, AND EMERGENCY DEBT CERTIFICATES.

and

Motion _____ second _____ to adopt Resolution No. 2026-__ C, A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE CITY COUNCIL ENACT A CHARTER AMENDMENT BY ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CHARTER SECTION 7.17 RELATING TO GENERAL OBLIGATION CHARTER BONDS AND LIMITATION ON NET DEBT OBLIGATIONS.

Description:

The Charter Commission has been systematically reviewing the City Charter to learn and offer edits for consideration by the City Council. After its 2026 meetings to review chapters 7, 8, and 12 of the City Charter, as well as suggested revisions to Chapter 5, the members indicated a desire to suggest the following edits:

- **Sections 5.05, 5.11, and 5.16:** The League of Minnesota Cities recently encouraged cities to review its charter provisions related to petitions. The City's review concluded that our sample petition could inadvertently cause public confusion because not all the required elements of Minnesota Rules for petitions are included in the sample petition codified into the City Charter. So, in consultation with the City Clerk, the Charter Commission recommends removing the sample petitions contained in the City Charter and directing the public to the City Clerk's office where a sample would be maintained. The Commission specifically wants to continue with the inclusion of an email and telephone number on the petition paperwork to assist the City Clerk in the required verification process that is required during a petition proceeding, which is currently in the City Charter.
- **Sections 7.06, 7.10, 7.14, 7.15, 7.16, 7.17:** The City's Finance Department brought several requested edits to the City Charter chapter on finance and taxation. The edits modernize the charter to add credit card processing, for example; clarify vote requirements for the approval the sale phase of public financing proceedings; clarify the timing of budget approvals by the City Council; and clarify the proceedings when issuing net debt bonds.
- **Section 12.14:** The Charter Commission requested clarifying the language of the process to make it more understandable to the general public. City staff need to conduct additional research on this section before it is prepared to make any recommended amendments. It is not being recommended for amendment at this time.

The Charter Commission attorney prepared resolutions for Charter Commission consideration in order to to make recommendations to the City Council to adopt charter amendments by ordinances to amend these sections of chapters 5, 7, and 12 of the City Charter using the process set forth in state law as follows:

Minn. Stat. § 410.12; Subd. 7. **Amendment by ordinance.** Upon recommendation of the charter commission the city council may enact a charter amendment by ordinance. Within one month of receiving a recommendation to amend the charter by ordinance, the city must publish notice of a public hearing on the proposal and the notice must contain the text of the proposed amendment. The city council must hold the public hearing on the proposed charter amendment at least two weeks but not more than one month after the notice is published. Within one month of the public hearing, the city council must vote on the proposed charter amendment ordinance. The ordinance is enacted if it receives an affirmative vote of all members of the city council and is approved by the mayor and published as in the case of other ordinances. An ordinance amending a city charter shall not become effective until 90 days after passage and publication or at such later date as is fixed in the ordinance. Within 60 days after passage and publication of such an ordinance, a petition requesting a referendum on the ordinance may be filed with the city clerk. The petition must be signed by registered voters equal in number to at least five percent of the registered voters in the city or 2,000, whichever is less. If the requisite petition is filed within the prescribed period, the ordinance shall not become effective until it is approved by the voters as in the case of charter amendments submitted by the charter commission, the council, or by petition of the voters, except that the council may submit the ordinance at any general or special election held at least 60 days after submission of the petition, or it may reconsider its action in adopting the ordinance. As far as practicable the requirements of subdivisions 1 to 3 apply to petitions submitted under this section, to an ordinance amending a charter, and to the filing of such ordinance when approved by the voters.

A proposed timeline based on state law (above) follows:

- April 16, 2026: Charter Commission adopts Resolutions Recommending Council Amend Charter by Ordinance
- April 27, 2026 : Council Acknowledges Receipt of Recommendations from Charter Commission & sets

public hearings for June 1, 2026

- May 7, 2026 : Hearing notice published in *Sun Current* (one hearing notice)
- June 1, 2026 : Public hearings on ordinances
- June 1, 2026: Council vote on ordinances*
- June 11, 2026 : Publish ordinances in the *Sun Current* if approved by Council (on June 1)*
- Council must act by July 1, 2026* (June 29, 2026 is the last regular council meeting before the deadline)
- September 2026 : Amendment effective 90 days after passage & publication*

*proposed

The Charter can be accessed via this link: <https://www.bloomingtonmn.gov/cl/city-charter-and-code-ordinances>

Background Materials:

Commission overview is here: <https://www.bloomingtonmn.gov/cc/charter-commission>

State law on Charter Cities: <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/410>

Attachments:

[Resolution \(Sections 5.05, 5.11, 5.16\)](#)

[Attachment \(Sections 5.05, 5.11, 5.16 ordinance\)](#)

[Resolution \(Section 7.06\)](#)

[Attachment \(Section 7.06 ordinance\)](#)

[Resolution \(Section 7.10\)](#)

[Attachment \(Section 7.10 ordinance rev\)](#)

[Resolution \(Sections 7.14, 7.15, 7.16\)](#)

[Attachment \(Section 7.14, 7.15, 7.16 ordinance\)](#)

[Resolution \(Section 7.17\)](#)

[Attachment \(Section 7.17 ordinance rev\)](#)

RESOLUTION NO. 2026- __C

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE CITY COUNCIL ENACT A CHARTER
AMENDMENT BY ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CHARTER SECTION 5.05, 5.11,
AND 5.16 RELATING TO INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM AND RECALL

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Section 410.12 authorizes the amendment of a home rule city charter by recommendation of the Charter Commission to the City Council to amend the charter by ordinance after a public hearing and after a unanimous vote of the of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Commission desires to amend the City Charter Sections 5.05, 5.11, and 5.16 of the City Charter in furtherance of the efficient administration of the powers of initiative, referendum, and recall.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHARTER COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MINNESOTA, that based upon the foregoing,

1. The Charter Commission recommends that the City Council adopt an ordinance amending Sections 5.05, 5.11, and 5.16 of the City Charter in furtherance of the efficient administration of powers of initiative, referendum, and recall, in substantially the form as Attachment 1.
2. The Charter Commission directs the Commission's attorney to request that the matter be placed on an upcoming City Council agenda as required by state law and to take all other necessary and expedient steps in furtherance of this Resolution.

Passed and adopted this 16th day of April, 2026.

CHARTER COMMISSION FOR
THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

Chair

ATTEST: _____
Recording Secretary to the Charter Commission

ATTACHMENT 1

ORDINANCE NO. 2026- __

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CHARTER SECTIONS 5.05, 5.11, AND 5.16
RELATING TO INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM AND RECALL

The City Council of the City of Bloomington, Minnesota does hereby ordain:

Section 1. That Chapter 5, Section 5.05, of the City Charter is amended by deleting those words struck through and contained in brackets [] and by adding those words that are underlined, to read as follows:

CHAPTER 5: INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM AND RECALL

§ 5.05 INITIATIVE PETITION.

The petition for the adoption of any ordinance must consist of the ordinance and all of the signature papers and attached affidavits. The petition is not complete unless signed by a number of voters registered in Bloomington equal to at least ten percent of the total number of votes cast at the last preceding regular municipal election. All signatures need not be on one signature paper, but the person circulating every paper must make an affidavit that each signature on the paper is the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be. Each signature paper must comply with Minnesota Rules Part 8205. The city clerk must maintain a sample petition for the public.~~[be in substantially the following form:~~

~~INITIATIVE PETITION~~

~~proposing an ordinance to _____ (stating the purpose of the ordinance), a copy of which ordinance is attached. This ordinance is sponsored by the following committee of voters registered in Bloomington:~~

~~Name _____ Address _____ Printed Name _____ Signature Date _____ Birth Year _____ Email _____ Telephone _____~~

~~1. _____~~

~~—(Include four additional names.)—~~

~~The undersigned voters registered in Bloomington, understanding the terms and the nature of the ordinance attached, petition the council for its adoption, or, in lieu thereof, for its submission to the voters registered in Bloomington for their approval.~~

~~Name _____ Address _____ Printed Name _____ Signature Date _____ Birth Year _____~~

~~1. _____~~

~~—(Include additional names using this format.)—~~

~~—The affidavit of the person circulating the petition must be included at the end of each list of signatures.]~~

Section 2. That Chapter 5, Section 5.11, of the City Charter is amended by deleting those words struck through and contained in brackets [] and by adding those words that are underlined, to read as follows:

CHAPTER 5: INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM AND RECALL

§ 5.11 REFERENDUM PETITION.

The petition for the repeal or submission to a vote of an ordinance must consist of the ordinance and all of the signature papers and attached affidavits. The petition is not complete unless signed by a number of voters registered in Bloomington equal to at least 15 percent of the total number of votes cast at the last preceding regular municipal election. All signatures need not be on one signature paper, but the person circulating every paper must make an affidavit that each signature on the paper is the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be. A referendum petition must comply with Minnesota Rules Part 8205. The city clerk must maintain a sample petition for the public.~~[read as follows:~~

REFERENDUM PETITION

~~proposing the repeal of an ordinance to (stating the purpose of the ordinance), a copy of which is attached. The proposed repeal is sponsored by the following committee of voters registered in Bloomington:~~

~~Name — Address — Printed Name — Signature Date — Birth Year — Email Telephone~~

~~1. _____~~

~~—(Include four additional names.)~~

~~The undersigned petitioners, understanding the nature of the ordinance attached and believing it to be detrimental to the welfare of the city, petition the council for its submission to a vote of voters registered in Bloomington for their approval or disapproval.~~

~~Name — Address — Printed Name — Signature Date — Birth Year —~~

~~1. _____~~

~~—(Include additional names using this format.)~~

~~The affidavit of the person circulating the petition must be included at the end of each list of signatures.]~~

Section 3. That Chapter 5, Section 5.16, of the City Charter is amended by deleting those words struck through and contained in brackets [] and by adding those words that are underlined, to read as follows:

CHAPTER 5: INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM AND RECALL

§ 5.16 RECALL PETITION.

The petition for the recall of any official must include a certificate identical with that filed with the city clerk together with all the signature papers and affidavits attached. Signatures need not be on one signature paper, but the person circulating each paper must make an affidavit that each signature on the paper is the real signature of the person whose name it purports to be. Each

signature paper must comply with Minnesota Rules Part 8205. The city clerk must maintain a sample petition for the public.~~[be in substantially the following form:~~

RECALL PETITION

proposing the recall of _____ from the office as _____ which recall is sought for the reasons set forth in the attached certificate. The following committee of voters registered in Bloomington sponsors this recall petition:

Name _____ Address _____ Printed Name _____ Signature Date _____ Birth Year _____ Email Telephone

1. _____

—(Include four additional names.)—

The undersigned voters registered in Bloomington, understanding the nature of the charges against the officer sought to be recalled, request the holding of a recall election.

Name _____ Address _____ Printed Name _____ Signature Date _____ Birth Year _____

1. _____

—(Include additional names using this format.)

The affidavit of the person circulating the petition must be included at the end of each list of signatures.]

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective 90 days after publication.

Passed and adopted this __ day of _____, 2026.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-__C

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE CITY COUNCIL ENACT A CHARTER
AMENDMENT BY ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CHARTER SECTION 7.06
RELATING TO PASSAGE OF THE BUDGET

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Section 410.12 authorizes the amendment of a home rule city charter by recommendation of the Charter Commission to the City Council to amend the charter by ordinance after a public hearing and after a unanimous vote of the of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Commission desires to amend the City Charter Section 7.06 of the City Charter in furtherance of city taxation and financing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHARTER COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MINNESOTA, that based upon the foregoing,

1. The Charter Commission recommends that the City Council adopt an ordinance amending Section 7.06 of the City Charter in furtherance of city taxation and financing, in substantially the form as Attachment 1.
2. The Charter Commission directs the Commission's attorney to request that the matter be placed on an upcoming City Council agenda as required by state law and to take all other necessary and expedient steps in furtherance of this Resolution.

Passed and adopted this 16th day of April, 2026.

CHARTER COMMISSION FOR
THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

Chair

ATTEST: _____
Recording Secretary to the Charter Commission

ATTACHMENT 1

ORDINANCE NO. 2026- __

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CHARTER SECTION 7.06
RELATING TO PASSAGE OF THE BUDGET

The City Council of the City of Bloomington, Minnesota does hereby ordain:

Section 1. That Chapter 7, Section 7.06, of the City Charter is amended by deleting those words struck through and contained in brackets [] and by adding those words that are underlined, to read as follows:

§ 7.06 PASSAGE OF THE BUDGET.

The budget must be the principal item of business at the first regular monthly council meeting in September. The council must hold adjourned meetings from time to time until it has considered all the estimates. The meeting must give interested citizens a reasonable opportunity to be heard. The annual budget finally agreed upon must set forth the complete financial plan of the city for the ensuing fiscal year for the funds budgeted. It must show the sums to be raised and their sources and the sums to be spent and their purposes according to Section 7.05. The total sum appropriated must be safely less than the total estimated revenue. The council must adopt the budget by resolution not later than December 23rd of each year ~~[the third week of December]~~. The council must also adopt a resolution levying all taxes it considers necessary within statutory limits for the ensuing year for each fund. The tax levy resolution must be certified to the county auditor according to law. At the beginning of the fiscal year, the sums fixed in the budget resolution are appropriated only for the several purposes named in the budget resolution.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective 90 days after publication.

Passed and adopted this __ day of _____, 2026.

/s/ _____
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ _____

/s/ _____
City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-__C

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE CITY COUNCIL ENACT A CHARTER
AMENDMENT BY ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CHARTER SECTION 7.10
RELATING TO DISBURSEMENTS

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Section 410.12 authorizes the amendment of a home rule city charter by recommendation of the Charter Commission to the City Council to amend the charter by ordinance after a public hearing and after a unanimous vote of the of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Commission desires to amend the City Charter Section 7.10 of the City Charter in furtherance of city taxation and financing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHARTER COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MINNESOTA, that based upon the foregoing,

1. The Charter Commission recommends that the City Council adopt an ordinance amending Section 7.10 of the City Charter in furtherance of city taxation and financing, in substantially the form as Attachment 1.
2. The Charter Commission directs the Commission's attorney to request that the matter be placed on an upcoming City Council agenda as required by state law and to take all other necessary and expedient steps in furtherance of this Resolution.

Passed and adopted this 16th day of April, 2026.

CHARTER COMMISSION FOR
THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

Chair

ATTEST: _____
Recording Secretary to the Charter Commission

ATTACHMENT 1

ORDINANCE NO. 2026- __

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CHARTER SECTION 7.10
RELATING TO DISBURSEMENTS

The City Council of the City of Bloomington, Minnesota does hereby ordain:

Section 1. That Chapter 7, Section 7.10, of the City Charter is amended by deleting those words struck through and contained in brackets [] and by adding those words that are underlined, to read as follows:

§ 7.10 DISBURSEMENTS, HOW MADE.

Disbursements of city funds can only be made by (a) a negotiable instrument bearing the actual or authorized facsimile signature of the mayor, the city manager and the chief financial officer, (b) credit card, or (c) an electronic funds transfer. No ~~[negotiable instrument]~~ disbursement of city funds can be ~~[issued]~~ made without proof by an itemized bill, payroll, time[-]sheet, voucher, detailed credit card receipt, or other similar document approved and signed by the responsible city officer who vouches for its correctness and reasonableness. Disbursements of city funds must identify the funds from which payment will be made. The city will comply with the requirements of Minnesota Statutes when processing disbursements by electronic funds transfer. ~~[The city manager must note on each contract requiring the payment of money by the city the particular fund out of which it is to be paid.]~~ Disbursement of city funds will not be made by digital currency. The council may~~can~~ make additional regulations by ordinance for the safekeeping and disbursements of city funds.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective 90 days after publication.

Passed and adopted this __ day of _____, 2026.

/s/
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/

/s/
City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-__C

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE CITY COUNCIL ENACT A CHARTER AMENDMENT BY ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CHARTER SECTIONS 7.14, 7.15, AND 7.16 RELATING TO PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT REVOLVING FUNDS, TAX ANTICIPATION CERTIFICATES, AND EMERGENCY DEBT CERTIFICATES

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Section 410.12 authorizes the amendment of a home rule city charter by recommendation of the Charter Commission to the City Council to amend the charter by ordinance after a public hearing and after a unanimous vote of the of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Commission desires to amend the City Charter Sections 7.14, 7.15, and 7.16 of the City Charter in furtherance of city taxation and financing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHARTER COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MINNESOTA, that based upon the foregoing,

1. The Charter Commission recommends that the City Council adopt an ordinance amending Sections 7.14, 7.15, and 7.16 of the City Charter in furtherance of city taxation and financing, in substantially the form as Attachment 1.
2. The Charter Commission directs the Commission's attorney to request that the matter be placed on an upcoming City Council agenda as required by state law and to take all other necessary and expedient steps in furtherance of this Resolution.

Passed and adopted this 16th day of April, 2026.

CHARTER COMMISSION FOR
THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

Chair

ATTEST: _____
Recording Secretary to the Charter Commission

ATTACHMENT 1

ORDINANCE NO. 2026- __

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CHARTER SECTIONS 7.14, 7.15, AND 7.16
RELATING TO PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT REVOLVING FUNDS, TAX
ANTICIPATION CERTIFICATES, AND EMERGENCY DEBT CERTIFICATES

The City Council of the City of Bloomington, Minnesota does hereby ordain:

Section 1. That Chapter 7, Section 7.14, of the City Charter is amended by deleting those words struck through and contained in brackets [] and by adding those words that are underlined, to read as follows:

§ 7.14 ESTABLISH AND OPERATE A PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT REVOLVING FUND.

The council can, by a vote of at least five (5) of its members, establish by ordinance, a permanent improvement revolving fund for the purpose of financing public improvements, and can, by the same vote, authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds for the establishment and operation of the fund, or for increases in monies required for the operation of the fund. Expenditures can be made from the permanent improvement revolving fund only (1) for an improvement, the obligation for which is payable wholly or partially from the proceeds of special assessments levied or to be levied upon property specially benefited by the improvement, provided an ad valorem tax is levied, or other monies pledged for that portion of the expenditure not specially assessed or (2) for any public convenience from which revenue is or can be derived, provided, that the full faith and credit of the city is pledged to replace any deficiencies in such revenues or (3) for any other public improvement for which the issuance of general obligation bonds of the city is authorized, either by statute or this charter; provided that all requirements for the issuance of the general obligation bonds are complied with and the full faith and credit of the city are pledged to repay the expenditures to the permanent improvement revolving fund according to the laws authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds. The council may, by a vote of at least four (4) of its members, adopt a resolution to award the sale of a general obligation permanent improvement revolving fund bond.

Section 2. That Chapter 7, Section 7.15, of the City Charter is amended by deleting those words struck through and contained in brackets [] and by adding those words that are underlined, to read as follows:

§ 7.15 TAX ANTICIPATION CERTIFICATES.

At any time after January 1, following the making of an annual tax levy, the council can issue certificates of indebtedness in anticipation of the collection of taxes levied for any fund not yet collected. The total amount of certificates issued against any fund for any year with interest until maturity cannot exceed 90 percent of the total current taxes for the fund uncollected at the time of issuance. The certificates can be issued on terms and conditions the council decides and can bear interest at no more than the legal rate, but they must become due and payable not later than the first day of April of the year following their issuance. The proceeds of the tax levied for the

fund against which tax anticipation certificates are issued and the full faith and credit of the city must be irrevocably pledged for the redemption of the certificates in the order of their issuance against the fund. The council may, by a vote of at least five (5) of its members, adopt an ordinance to authorize the issuance of a general obligation tax anticipation certificate. The council may, by a vote of at least four (4) of its members, adopt a resolution to award the sale of a general obligation tax anticipation certificate.

Section 3. That Chapter 7, Section 7.16, of the City Charter is amended by deleting those words struck through and contained in brackets [] and by adding those words that are underlined, to read as follows:

§ 7.16 EMERGENCY DEBT CERTIFICATES.

If in any year the receipts from taxes or other sources are insufficient for the ordinary expenses of the city because of any unforeseen cause, or any calamity or other public emergency that subjects the city to extraordinary expenditures, the council can by ordinance issue and sell on terms and in the manner as the council determines emergency debt certificates for not to exceed two years and to bear interest at not more than the legal rate. The council must levy a tax sufficient to pay principal and interest on the certificates with the margin required by law. At least five (5) members of the council must approve the ordinance authorizing an issue of the emergency debt certificates stating the nature of the emergency. It can be passed as an emergency ordinance. The council may, by a vote of at least four (4) of its members, adopt a resolution to award the sale of an emergency debt certificate.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective 90 days after publication.

Passed and adopted this ___ day of _____, 2026.

/s/ _____
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ _____

/s/ _____
City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-__C

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE CITY COUNCIL ENACT A CHARTER
AMENDMENT BY ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CHARTER SECTION 7.17
RELATING TO GENERAL OBLIGATION CHARTER BONDS
AND LIMITATION ON NET DEBT OBLIGATIONS

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Section 410.12 authorizes the amendment of a home rule city charter by recommendation of the Charter Commission to the City Council to amend the charter by ordinance after a public hearing and after a unanimous vote of the of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Commission desires to amend the City Charter Section 7.17 of the City Charter in furtherance of city taxation and financing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHARTER COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MINNESOTA, that based upon the foregoing,

1. The Charter Commission recommends that the City Council adopt an ordinance amending Section 7.17 of the City Charter in furtherance of city taxation and financing, in substantially the form as Attachment 1.
2. The Charter Commission directs the Commission's attorney to request that the matter be placed on an upcoming City Council agenda as required by state law and to take all other necessary and expedient steps in furtherance of this Resolution.

Passed and adopted this 16th day of April, 2026.

CHARTER COMMISSION FOR
THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

Chair

ATTEST: _____
Recording Secretary to the Charter Commission

ATTACHMENT 1

ORDINANCE NO. 2026- __

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CHARTER SECTION 7.17
RELATING TO GENERAL OBLIGATION CHARTER BONDS
AND LIMITATION ON NET DEBT OBLIGATIONS

The City Council of the City of Bloomington, Minnesota does hereby ordain:

Section 1. That Chapter 7, Section 7.17, of the City Charter is amended by deleting those words struck through and contained in brackets [] and by adding those words that are underlined, to read as follows:

§ 7.17 GENERAL OBLIGATION CHARTER BONDS AND LIMITATION ON NET DEBT OBLIGATIONS.

Subdivision 1. By a vote of at least five (5) of its members, the council may~~can~~ adopt a resolution to authorize the issuance of general obligation charter bonds that pledge the full faith and credit and taxing powers of the city. The general obligation charter bonds can be issued on such terms and conditions the council determines, without obtaining the approval of a majority of the electors voting on the question of issuing such general obligation charter bonds. The city can pledge to the payment of the general obligation charter bonds any other available revenues or assets of the city. The general obligation charter bonds can be issued for a public purpose to finance any capital improvement and related costs including, but not limited to, interest on the bonds, the costs of feasibility studies, design, and plans and specifications; publication costs; costs of issuance; and other capital costs of any capital improvement. The general obligation charter bonds shall not be issued for at least thirty (30) days after the publication in the official newspaper of the city of the council resolution determining to issue such bonds; and, if before the expiration of such thirty (30) days, a petition requesting an election on the proposition to issue such bonds is filed with the city clerk and such petition is signed by registered voters of the city equal to the lesser of five percent (5%) of the registered voters of the city as of the last general election, or 2,000 registered voters, then the city may not issue such general obligation charter bonds until the proposition has been approved by a majority of the votes cast on the question at a regular or special election. The council may, by a vote of at least four (4) of its members, adopt a resolution to award of the sale of general obligation charter bonds.

Subdivision 2. The term "net debt bonds" in this subdivision means any general obligation subject to the net debt limit as defined in Minnesota Statutes Chapter 475, as amended (or any successor statutes). No general obligation charter bonds issued under this Section 7.17 or other general obligations subject to the net debt limit imposed by Minnesota Statutes~~[, Chapter 475, as amended (or any successor statutes),]~~ may be issued by the city if the principal amount of such general obligation bonds, when added to the outstanding principal amount of all other general obligation charter bonds and ~~general obligation~~ net debt bonds, shall exceed one percent (1%) of the estimated market value of taxable property in the city as of the date such general obligation charter bonds or ~~general obligation~~ net debt bonds are proposed to be issued by the city. The provisions of this subdivision 2 do not apply to net debt bonds that have obtained the approval of a majority of the electors voting on the question of issuing ~~[the]~~ such general obligation bonds

that constitute net debt bonds as defined herein. The outstanding principal amount of [~~net debt~~
~~such bonds [that] for which voter approval was obtained [the approval of a majority of the~~
~~electors voting on the question of issuing the net debt bonds]~~ are not included in determining
whether the one percent (1%) limit will be exceeded.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective 90 days after publication.

Passed and adopted this __ day of _____, 2026.

/s/_____
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/_____

/s/_____
City Attorney



Commission Agenda Item

Originator Legal	Item 3.1 Adjournment
Agenda Section ADJOURNMENT	Date April 16, 2026

Requested Action:

Motion by _____, seconded by _____, and all voting aye to adjourn the meeting.

Chair adjourned the meeting at _____.

Description: