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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Taxes

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to taxation; modifying the authorization for the city of Grand Rapids to  
1.3 impose a local sales and use tax for the reconstruction, remodeling, and upgrading  
1.4 of a civic center; amending Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 14, article  
1.5 8, section 7.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 14, article 8, section 7, is amended  
1.8 to read:

1.9 **Sec. 7. CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS; TAXES AUTHORIZED.**

1.10 Subdivision 1. **Sales and use tax authorization.** Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,  
1.11 section 297A.99, subdivision 1, or 477A.016, or any other law, ordinance, or city charter,  
1.12 and if approved by the voters at a general election as required under Minnesota Statutes,  
1.13 section 297A.99, subdivision 3, the city of Grand Rapids may impose by ordinance a sales  
1.14 and use tax of one-half of one percent for the purposes specified in subdivision 2. Except  
1.15 as otherwise provided in this section, the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.99,  
1.16 govern the imposition, administration, collection, and enforcement of the tax authorized  
1.17 under this subdivision. The tax imposed under this subdivision is in addition to any local  
1.18 sales and use tax imposed under any other special law.

1.19 Subd. 2. **Use of sales and use tax revenues.** The revenues derived from the tax authorized  
1.20 under subdivision 1 must be used by the city of Grand Rapids to pay the costs of collecting  
1.21 and administering the tax including securing and paying debt service on bonds issued and  
1.22 to finance up to ~~\$5,980,000~~ \$10,600,000 for reconstruction, remodeling, and upgrades to  
1.23 the Grand Rapids IRA Civic Center. Authorized costs include design, construction,

2.1 reconstruction, mechanical upgrades, and engineering costs, as well as the associated bond  
2.2 costs for any bonds issued under subdivision 3.

2.3 Subd. 3. **Bonding authority.** (a) The city of Grand Rapids may issue bonds under  
2.4 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 475, to finance all or a portion of the costs of the facilities  
2.5 authorized in subdivision 2. The aggregate principal amount of bonds issued under this  
2.6 subdivision may not exceed ~~\$5,980,000~~ \$10,600,000, plus an amount to be applied to the  
2.7 payment of the costs of issuing the bonds. The bonds may be paid from or secured by any  
2.8 funds available to the city of Grand Rapids, including the tax authorized under subdivision  
2.9 1. The issuance of bonds under this subdivision is not subject to Minnesota Statutes, sections  
2.10 275.60 and 275.61.

2.11 (b) The bonds are not included in computing any debt limitation applicable to the city  
2.12 of Grand Rapids, and any levy of taxes under Minnesota Statutes, section 475.61, to pay  
2.13 principal and interest on the bonds is not subject to any levy limitation. A separate election  
2.14 to approve the bonds under Minnesota Statutes, section 475.58, is not required.

2.15 Subd. 4. **Termination of taxes.** The tax imposed under subdivision 1 expires at the  
2.16 earlier of: (1) ~~seven~~ 12 years after the tax is first imposed; or (2) when the city council  
2.17 determines that it has received from this tax ~~\$5,980,000~~ \$10,600,000 to fund the project  
2.18 listed in subdivision 2 for projects approved by the voters as required under Minnesota  
2.19 Statutes, section 297A.99, subdivision 3, paragraph (a), plus an amount sufficient to pay  
2.20 the costs related to issuance of any bonds authorized under subdivision 3, including interest  
2.21 on the bonds. Any funds remaining after payment of all such costs and retirement or  
2.22 redemption of the bonds shall be placed in the general fund of the city, except for funds  
2.23 required to be retained in the state general fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.99,  
2.24 subdivision 3. The tax imposed under subdivision 1 may expire at an earlier time if the city  
2.25 so determines by ordinance.

2.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day after the governing body of the  
2.27 city of Grand Rapids and its chief clerical officer comply with Minnesota Statutes, section  
2.28 645.021, subdivisions 2 and 3.