

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, in the Council Chambers, third floor Court House, 15 West Kellogg Boulevard, Saint. Paul, Minnesota, 55102. This Public Hearing will be conducted to afford the public the opportunity to comment on the proposed 2024 Capital Improvement Program projects and Ordinance. The maximum proposed bond issuance under this ordinance is \$19,500,000. The projects are summarized below:

<u>Project financing included in the proposed 2024 Bond Ordinance:</u>	
2024 Proposed CIP Regular Projects	\$6,500,000
2024 Proposed CIP Major Projects	\$13,000,000
 Total 2024 Bond Ordinance amount	 \$19,500,000

The entire proposed Ordinance can be accessed through www.ramseycounty.us (under the Public Notice section on the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners' page) or by calling the Chief Clerk – County Board at (651) 266-8014.

If in-person testimony is not feasible, comments may alternatively be provided via the following methods:

- Zoom webinar:
Phone: 651-372-8299 | Webinar ID: | Passcode:
- Email: chiefclerk@ramseycounty.us
- Phone: 651-266-9200
- Written letter to: Chief Clerk, 15 Kellogg Blvd West, 250 Courthouse, Saint Paul, MN 55102

Persons who intend to testify are requested to contact (651) 266-8014 or Mee.Cheng@co.ramsey.mn.us prior to Tuesday, November 28, 2023.

OFFICIAL SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$19,500,000

This ordinance authorizes the issuance of bonds, notes or other obligations, in one or more series in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$19,500,000 for capital improvement needs.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$ 19,500,000

A. WHEREAS, since 1989, Ramsey County, Minnesota (the “County”), has issued bonds to finance capital improvements identified in a capital improvement plan developed with citizen participation; and

B. WHEREAS, the Home Rule Charter of the County (the “Home Rule Charter”) is a desirable source of authority for the issuance of such bonds; and

C. WHEREAS, the County’s adopted capital improvement budget for 2024 contemplates undertaking capital improvements financed in part by bonds, notes or other obligations, in one or more series, in an estimated aggregate amount of \$ 19,500,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF RAMSEY DOES ORDAIN as follows:

1. Authorization of Bonds - The bonding and borrowing of money by the issuance of general obligation bonds, notes or other obligations, in one or more series from time to time as needed, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$19,500,000 plus the amount of any premium paid with respect thereto (the "Bonds") is hereby authorized to finance (1) the costs of improvements set forth in the 2024 capital improvement budget of the County, (2) the costs of any other improvements set forth in the County's capital improvement budgets of any year and any other capital expenditures authorized by the County, to the extent proceeds of the Bonds are not expended on improvements set forth in the 2024 capital improvement budget due to changes occurring after the date hereof. The amount authorized under this Ordinance is in addition to amounts previously authorized under prior ordinances of the County.
2. Bonding Procedure and Terms - The Bonds shall be scheduled for sale and awarded for sale by resolutions. The specific amount, maturities, interest rates and other terms and conditions of the Bonds and covenants with respect to the Bonds shall be set or made by resolution.
3. Taxes - The Bonds shall be general obligations to which the full faith and credit and taxing powers of the County are pledged. The Bonds may also be paid from interest earnings on the debt service account, and from any other moneys appropriated by the County Board. The taxes levied for the payment of the Bonds shall not limit or reduce the ability of the County to levy taxes for the payment of the costs of other capital improvements or obligations issued to finance the payment of such costs.
4. Authorization of Refunding Bonds - The bonding or borrowing of money by the issuance of bonds or other obligations to refund the Bonds is hereby authorized on the same basis as set forth in paragraphs 4 and 5 of Ordinance No. 93-292, authorizing the refunding of bonds issued prior to November 6, 1992. Further proceedings to schedule such refunding bonds for sale, to set the terms and conditions thereof, to make covenants with respect thereto and to award the sale thereof may be, and are hereby authorized to be, done or taken by resolution.
5. Referendum Upon Petition - This ordinance is subject to the ordinance procedure of the County's Home Rule Charter, including the holding of a referendum if a sufficient petition is filed within forty-five (45) days after its publication. Among other conditions to be met, a sufficient petition must be signed by registered voters of the County equal in number to ten percent (10%) of those who voted in the County for the office of President of the United States in the last general election.