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610 Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Taxes

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to taxation; local sales and use; authorizing the city of Wadena to impose  
1.3 a local sales and use tax.

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

1.5 Section 1. **CITY OF WADENA; TAX AUTHORIZED.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. Sales and use tax authorization. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,  
1.7 section 477A.016, or any other law, ordinance, or city charter, and if approved by the voters  
1.8 at a general election as required under Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.99, subdivision 3,  
1.9 the city of Wadena may impose, by ordinance, a sales and use tax of one-quarter of one  
1.10 percent for the purposes specified in subdivision 2. Except as otherwise provided in this  
1.11 section, the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.99, govern the imposition,  
1.12 administration, collection, and enforcement of the tax authorized under this subdivision.

1.13 Subd. 2. Use of sales and use tax revenues. The revenues derived from the tax authorized  
1.14 under subdivision 1 must be used by the city of Wadena to pay the costs of collecting and  
1.15 administering the tax and to finance up to \$3,000,000, plus associated bonding costs including  
1.16 securing and paying debt service on bonds issued, for the Wadena Library Rehabilitation  
1.17 Project.

1.18 Subd. 3. Bonding authority. (a) The city of Wadena may issue bonds under Minnesota  
1.19 Statutes, chapter 475, to finance all or a portion of the costs of the project authorized in  
1.20 subdivision 2. The aggregate principal amount of bonds issued under this subdivision may  
1.21 not exceed \$3,000,000, plus an amount applied to the payment of costs of issuing the bonds.  
1.22 The bonds may be paid from or secured by any funds available to the city of Wadena,

2.1 including the tax authorized under subdivision 1. The issuance of bonds under this  
2.2 subdivision is not subject to Minnesota Statutes, sections 275.60 and 275.61.

2.3 (b) The bonds are not included in computing any debt limitation applicable to the city.  
2.4 Any levy of taxes under Minnesota Statutes, section 475.61, to pay principal of and interest  
2.5 on the bonds is not subject to any levy limitation. A separate election to approve the bonds  
2.6 under Minnesota Statutes, section 475.58, is not required.

2.7 Subd. 4. **Termination of taxes.** The tax imposed under subdivision 1 expires at the  
2.8 earlier of: (1) 20 years after the tax is first imposed; or (2) when the city council determines  
2.9 that the amount received from the tax is sufficient to pay for the project costs authorized  
2.10 under subdivision 2, and approved by the voters as required under Minnesota Statutes,  
2.11 section 297A.99, subdivision 3, plus an amount sufficient to pay costs, including interest  
2.12 costs, related to the issuance of the bonds authorized in subdivision 3. Any funds remaining  
2.13 after payment of the allowed costs due to timing of the termination under Minnesota Statutes,  
2.14 section 297A.99, shall be placed in the city's general fund. The tax imposed under subdivision  
2.15 1 may expire at an earlier time if the city so determines by ordinance.

2.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day after the governing body of the  
2.17 city of Wadena and its chief clerical officer comply with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021,  
2.18 subdivisions 2 and 3.