

RESOLUTION NO. 1992-25

A RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF OTTAWA, KANSAS, THE PROPOSITION OF LEVYING A ONE PERCENT (1.00%) RETAILERS' SALES TAX IN THE CITY FOR GENERAL PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 12-187 et seq., and amendments thereto, authorizes the Governing Body to submit to the qualified electors of the city the question of levying a retailers' sales tax to be collected by the State Department of Revenue with revenue therefrom returned to this city; and,

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the city of Ottawa, Kansas (the "City"), has surveyed city residents on the goals, priorities, and improvements they would like to see, and with nearly 1,000 responses, several priorities were made clear, including improvements of streets; investment in parks, quality of life, and recreational amenities; upgrades to city utility infrastructure, and property tax stabilization.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Ottawa, Kansas finds and determines that sales tax revenue is needed to: provide for the stated priorities of the people of Ottawa, provide an ongoing adequate level of public services, provide a more diverse and desirable source of funding than additional property taxes, and that the voters should be given a choice as to the method used to finance public services; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City finds and determines that it is advisable to submit to the qualified electors of the City the question of levying a retailers' sales tax in the amount of one percent (1.00%) for general purposes as specifically set forth below,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF OTTAWA, KANSAS:

Section 1. An election shall be held in the matter prescribed by law to coincide with the regularly scheduled general election on November 4, 2025, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City, the question of levying a retailers' sales tax in the City, in the amount of one percent (1.00%) to be used for general purpose as set forth in the question below.

Section 2. If approved by a majority of the electors voting on the question, such tax shall be subject to all applicable state laws and administrative rules and regulations of the Kansas Department of Revenue and the services of the Kansas Department of Revenue shall be utilized to administer, enforce and collect such tax.

Section 3. The proposition to be voted on shall appear on the ballot as follows:

Shall the following be adopted?

Shall the City of Ottawa, Kansas (“City”) be authorized to levy a retailers’ sales tax in the amount of one percent (1.00%) within the City, and to use the revenue from the tax in whole or in part for general purposes, including but not limited to:

- (a) to fund street infrastructure improvements including the maintenance and rebuilding of roads, sidewalks, storm water facilities, and street lighting;
- (b) the development, construction, and maintenance of city parks, quality of life amenities, and recreational facilities for the community;
- (c) the improving, rebuilding, and maintaining of city utility infrastructure;
- (d) funding general government operations to limit reliance on property taxes; and
- (e) all things related and necessary to construct and finance such projects including bonds and other obligations.

Provided that such tax shall take effect July 1, 2026, the day following the expiration of the existing one percent (1.00%) special purpose city retailers’ sales tax.

Section 4. The City Clerk is authorized and directed to deliver this resolution and a notice of the election (in substantially the form attached to this resolution) to the County Clerk of Franklin County, Kansas, who is authorized to and shall give notice of the election, as provided by law.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption by the Governing Body of the City.

PASSED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF OTTAWA ON THIS 27th
DAY OF August, 2025.



CITY OF OTTAWA, KANSAS

Emet Allen
Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Reed
City Clerk

CERTIFICATE

State of Kansas)
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County of Franklin)

I, Melissa Reed, City Clerk of the City of Ottawa, Kansas, do hereby certify that the attached copy is a true and exact copy of Resolution No. 1992-25 of the City of Ottawa adopted and approved by the Governing Body of the City of Ottawa, Kansas, at the regular meeting of August 27, 2025.

Melissa Reed
Melissa Reed, City Clerk

