

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 720

SHAKOPEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No. 720 (Shakopee Public Schools), Minnesota, on November 4, 2025, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. to vote on the following questions:

School District Question 1

Approval of New School District Referendum Revenue Authorization

The board of Independent School District No. 720 (Shakopee Public Schools), Minnesota has proposed to increase the School District’s general education revenue by \$620 per pupil, subject to an annual increase at the rate of inflation. The proposed new referendum revenue authorization would be first levied in 2025 for taxes payable in 2026 and applicable for ten (10) years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

- YES** Shall the new referendum revenue authorization proposed
 - NO** by the board of Independent School District No. 720
- (Shakopee Public Schools), Minnesota be approved?

BY VOTING “YES” ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

PASSAGE OF THIS REFERENDUM WILL RESULT IN AN INCREASE IN YOUR PROPERTY TAXES

School District Question 2

Approval of New School District Referendum Revenue Authorization

The board of Independent School District No. 720 (Shakopee Public Schools), Minnesota has proposed to increase the School District’s general education revenue by \$310 per pupil, subject to an annual increase at the rate of inflation. The proposed new referendum revenue authorization would be first levied in 2025 for taxes payable in 2026 and applicable for ten (10) years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

- YES** Shall the new referendum revenue authorization proposed
 - NO** by the board of Independent School District No. 720
- (Shakopee Public Schools), Minnesota be approved?

BY VOTING “YES” ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

PASSAGE OF THIS REFERENDUM WILL RESULT IN AN INCREASE IN YOUR PROPERTY TAXES

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

For ballot question 1, the property tax portion of the revenue authorized will require an estimated referendum tax rate of 0.05226% and for ballot question 2, the property tax portion of the revenue authorized will require an estimated referendum tax rate of 0.02613% for taxes payable in 2026 of the referendum market value of all classes of taxable property in the School District, as defined by Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.01, Subdivision 3, which excludes certain agricultural property, seasonal property and post-secondary student housing.

The projected annual dollar increases for typical residential homesteads, apartments, commercial-industrial properties, and most other classes of property within the School District are as shown in the table below, subject to an annual increase at the rate of inflation.

Agricultural property will pay taxes for the proposed referendum based only on the value of the house, garage and one acre of land. Seasonal recreational residential property (*i.e.*, cabins) will pay no taxes for the proposed referendum.

The figures in the following table are based on School District taxes for the new referendum revenue authorizations only and do not include tax levies for other purposes:

[The remainder of this page is intentionally left blank.]

[Tax impacts table to follow]

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Question 1 Estimated Tax Impact

Property Type	Estimated Market Value	Question 1 Estimated Taxes for Proposed Referendum	Expiring Debt Service Levy after Pay 2025	Question 1 Net Voter Approved Change	
				Annual	Monthly
Residential Homestead	\$100,000	\$52	-\$34	\$19	\$1.56
	200,000	105	-92	13	1.04
	300,000	157	-150	6	0.53
	400,000	209	-209	0	0.01
	500,000	261	-267	-6	-0.51
	600,000	314	-335	-22	-1.80
	800,000	418	-469	-51	-4.27
	1,000,000	523	-603	-81	-6.73
	1,200,000	627	-737	-110	-9.20
Commercial - Industrial	\$250,000	\$131	-\$156	-\$25	-\$2.10
	500,000	261	-339	-78	-6.49
	1,000,000	523	-706	-183	-15.28
	1,500,000	784	-1,073	-289	-24.07
	2,000,000	1,045	-1,439	-394	-32.86
Apartments	\$250,000	\$131	-\$168	-\$37	-\$3.08
	500,000	261	-335	-74	-6.16
	1,000,000	523	-670	-148	-12.32
	1,500,000	784	-1,006	-222	-18.48
	2,000,000	1,045	-1,341	-296	-24.64
Agricultural Homestead	\$250,000	\$0	-\$20	-\$20	-\$1.68
	500,000	0	-40	-40	-3.35
	750,000	0	-60	-60	-5.03
	1,000,000	0	-80	-80	-6.70

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Question 2 Estimated Tax Impact

Property Type	Estimated Market Value	Question 2 Estimated Taxes for Proposed Referendum	
		Annual	Monthly
Residential Homestead	\$100,000	\$26	\$2.18
	200,000	52	4.35
	300,000	78	6.53
	400,000	105	8.71
	500,000	131	10.89
	600,000	157	13.06
	800,000	209	17.42
	1,000,000	261	21.77
Commercial - Industrial	1,200,000	314	26.13
	\$250,000	\$65	\$5.44
	500,000	131	10.89
	1,000,000	261	21.77
	1,500,000	392	32.66
Apartments	2,000,000	523	43.55
	\$250,000	\$65	\$5.44
	500,000	131	10.89
	1,000,000	261	21.77
	1,500,000	392	32.66
Agricultural Homestead	2,000,000	523	43.55
	\$250,000	\$0	\$0.00
	500,000	0	0.00
	750,000	0	0.00
	1,000,000	0	0.00

The polling place and precincts served by the polling place for the special election will be as follows:

<u>Combined Polling Place:</u>	<u>Precincts Served:</u>
Shakopee West Middle School 200 10 th Avenue East Shakopee, MN 55379	This combined polling place serves all territory in Independent School District No. 720 located in Jackson Township, Louisville Township, Sand Creek Township, City of Shakopee, City of Prior Lake, City of Savage, and Scott County, Minnesota.


NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

All qualified electors residing in the School District may cast their ballots at the polling place listed above during the polling hours specified above.

A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in the special election. Unregistered individuals may register to vote at the polling place on Election Day.

Dated: July 28, 2025.

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

/s/  _____, Clerk

[The remainder of this page is intentionally left blank.]

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

6. The Clerk is authorized and directed to acquire and distribute such election materials as may be necessary for the proper conduct of this special election. If an optical scan voting system is being used, the Clerk shall comply with the laws and rules governing the procedures and requirements for optical scan voting systems. The Clerk is authorized and directed to acquire and distribute such election materials and to take such other actions as may be necessary for the proper conduct of this special election and generally to cooperate with election authorities conducting any other elections on that date. The Clerk and members of the administration are authorized and directed to take such actions as may be necessary to coordinate this election with other elections, including entering into agreements with appropriate municipal and county officials regarding preparation and distribution of ballots or ballot cards, election administration, and cost sharing.

7. The Clerk is authorized and directed to cause a printed ballot for the questions to be prepared in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.08, Subdivision 5 and the rules of the secretary of state for use at the special election. If an optical scan voting system is being used, the Clerk shall cause official ballots to be printed according to the format of ballots for optical scan voting systems provided by the laws and rules governing optical scan voting systems. The Clerk is further authorized and directed to cause a sample ballot to be posted in the administrative offices of the School District, for public inspection, at least four (4) days before the date of the special election and to cause two sample ballots to be posted at each polling place on the date of the special election and to cooperate with the proper election officials to cause ballots or ballot cards to be prepared for use at said election. The ballot shall be in substantially the following form, with such changes in form and instructions as may be necessary to accommodate the use of an optical scan voting system:

[The remainder of this page is intentionally left blank.]

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

**Special Election Ballot
School District Ballot
Independent School District No. 720
(Shakopee Public Schools), Minnesota**

November 4, 2025

Instructions to Voters

To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this:

To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "Yes" for that question.

To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word "No" for that question.

School District Question 1

Approval of New School District Referendum Revenue Authorization

The board of Independent School District No. 720 (Shakopee Public Schools), Minnesota has proposed to increase the School District's general education revenue by \$620 per pupil, subject to an annual increase at the rate of inflation. The proposed new referendum revenue authorization would be first levied in 2025 for taxes payable in 2026 and applicable for ten (10) years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

- YES** Shall the new referendum revenue authorization proposed
 NO by the board of Independent School District No. 720
(Shakopee Public Schools), Minnesota be approved?

**BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A
PROPERTY TAX INCREASE**

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

**School District Question 2
Approval of New School District Referendum Revenue Authorization**

The board of Independent School District No. 720 (Shakopee Public Schools), Minnesota has proposed to increase the School District’s general education revenue by \$310 per pupil, subject to an annual increase at the rate of inflation. The proposed new referendum revenue authorization would be first levied in 2025 for taxes payable in 2026 and applicable for ten (10) years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

- YES** Shall the new referendum revenue authorization proposed
 - NO** by the board of Independent School District No. 720
- (Shakopee Public Schools), Minnesota be approved?

BY VOTING “YES” ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

(Reverse side of ballot)

OFFICIAL BALLOT

November 4, 2025

Judge

Judge

(The ballot is to be initialed by two judges)

8. If the School District will be contracting to print the ballots for this special election, the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to prepare instructions to the printer for layout of the ballot. Before a contract in excess of \$1,000 is awarded for printing ballots, the printer shall, upon request, furnish in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 204D.04 a sufficient bond, letter of credit or certified check acceptable to the Clerk in an amount not less than \$1,000 conditioned on printing the ballots in conformity with the Minnesota election law and the instructions delivered. The Clerk shall set the amount of the bond, letter of credit or certified check in an amount equal to the value of the purchase.

9. At least forty-six (46) days before the special election, the Clerk shall prepare and have ready for use absentee ballots and shall mail absentee ballots to voters on the permanent absentee ballot list in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 203B.04, Subdivisions 4 and 5.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

10. As required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 203B.121, the Board hereby establishes a ballot board to process, accept and reject absentee ballots at school district elections not held on the day of a statewide election and generally to carry out the duties of a ballot board as provided by Minnesota Statutes, Section 203B.121 and other applicable laws. The ballot board must consist of a sufficient number of election judges trained in the handling of absentee ballots. The ballot board may include deputy county auditors and deputy city clerks who have received training in the processing and counting of absentee ballots. The clerk or the clerk's designee is hereby authorized and directed to appoint the members of the ballot board. The clerk or the clerk's designee shall establish, maintain and update a roster of members appointed to and currently serving on the ballot board and shall report to the Board from time to time as to its status. Each member of the ballot board shall be paid reasonable compensation for services rendered during an election at the same rate as other election judges; provided, however, if a staff member is already being compensated for regular duties, additional compensation shall not be paid for ballot board duties performed during that staff member's duty day.

11. The Board shall appoint election judges and alternates in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 204B.21. The appointments will be made at least twenty-five (25) days before the special election.

12. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 206.83, the Clerk shall provide for testing of the optical scan voting system at least three (3) days before the voting equipment is used and shall cause notice of the time and place of the test to be published in the School District's official newspaper at least five (5) days before the test.

13. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 206.85, Subdivision 1(6), where an electronic voting system is being used at a counting center, the Clerk shall cause notice of the exact location of the counting center to be published in accordance to public notice guidelines during the week preceding the week of election and the week preceding the election.

14. The special election shall be held and the returns made and canvassed in the manner prescribed by law and the Board shall meet on a date between the third day, November 7, 2025, and the tenth day, November 14, 2025, after the special election for the purpose of canvassing the results thereof.

15. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, 126C.17, Subdivision 9(e) and Section 205A.07, Subdivision 3a, the Clerk is hereby instructed to notify the Commissioner of the results of the special election and to provide the certified vote totals for the ballot questions in written form within fifteen (15) days after the results have been certified by the Board.

16. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 211A.02, Subdivision 6, the Clerk is hereby instructed to make any campaign finance reports filed with the Clerk by campaign committees

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

within seven (7) days after the special election available on the School District's web site as soon as possible, but no later than thirty (30) days after receipt of any such report. The Clerk is further instructed to provide the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board with a link to the section of web site where such reports are made available. Such reports must remain available on the web site for four (4) years from the date first posted.

17. Any obligations of the Clerk described herein may be undertaken by a County Auditor or other election official authorized by state law, acting on the Clerk's behalf, as the official in charge of elections in accordance with Minnesota election laws. The Board hereby authorizes the Clerk to work with the County Auditor or other authorized election official in accomplishing the obligations described hereunder when necessary, appropriate, and desirable.

Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof **ALL PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR,
NONE OPPOSED.**

and the following voted against the same:

whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted