



# CITY OF INTERNATIONAL FALLS

600 Fourth Street  
International Falls, Minnesota 56649

Telephone (218) 283-9484  
Fax (218) 283-3590

August 21, 2018

## **City voters:**

### **A City sales and use tax?**

The City Council of the City of International Falls adopted a resolution at its meeting on August 6, 2018 to seek voter approval of a 1% sales and use tax. The question on having the sales and use tax will be on the ballot at the November 6, 2018 General Election. The question will seek approval of the voters to have the 1% sales and use tax in place for up to 30 years or \$30 million dollars, whichever comes first.

All monies collected from a sales and use tax would be dedicated to improve streets, the water system, sanitary sewer system and other improvements needed in the City of International Falls.

A City sales and use tax would be exactly the same as the State of Minnesota sales and use tax, therefore it would not be on food, clothing, medicine and many other exempt items.

Please watch for more information that will be available explaining the needs of the City and work that would be accomplished if the sales and use tax is approved by the voters of International Falls. If City voters approve the sales and use tax the final step would be approval by the Minnesota legislature in the 2019 session. Currently, 32 cities in Minnesota are collecting a sales and use tax such as Duluth, Hermantown, Minneapolis, Bemidji, Walker, East Grand Forks and others.

The City Council and City Administration will be providing additional notices about scheduled public information meetings and other written materials via the newspaper, radio, City website and City Facebook page.

Thank you