(Example **Blue Ballot** for March 9, 2010 Township Election per M.S. §205.17, M.S. §275.60, M.S. §275.61, M.R. 8250.0300, M.R. 8250.0390, M.R. 8250.1200)

TOWN QUESTION BALLOT

TOWN OF_____

GENERAL ELECTION

MARCH 9, 2010

↓	To vote for a question, put an (X) in the square next to the word "YES" for that question. To vote against a question, put an (X) in the square next to the word "NO" for that question.

TOWN QUESTION (NUMBER)

QUESTION TITLE (Upper case letters; no more than 10 words)

	YES
	NO

Body of the question printed in upper and lower case letters.

TOWN QUESTION (NUMBER)

QUESTION TITLE (Upper case letters; no more than 10 words)

	YES
	NO

(Body of the question printed in upper and lower case letters.) Question authorizing a property tax levy or tax rate increase, including the issuance of debt obligations payable in whole or in part from property taxes.

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

The maximum amount of increased levy as a percentage of market value is _____%

The amount that will be raised by the new referendum tax rate in the first year it is to be levied is $_____.

EXAMPLE

M.S. §275.60(a) – "Notwithstanding any general or special law or any charter provisions, but subject to section 126C.17, subdivision 9, any question submitted to the voters by any local governmental subdivision at a general or special election after June 8, 1995, authorizing a property tax levy or tax rate increase, including the issuance of debt obligations payable in whole or in part from property taxes, must include on the ballot the following notice in boldface type: **"BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE."**

M.R. 8250.0300 FORM OF BALLOTS.
The ballot shall be printed with black ink on paper as close as practicable to 30 pounds.

M.R. 8250.0390 FORM OF BLUE BALLOT.
Subpart 1. **General Form**. The municipal question ballot must be prepared in the same manner as the white ballot, except as provided in this part. Ballots for electronic voting systems must be prepared in the manner provided for paper ballots to the extent practicable.

Subp. 2. **Ballot Heading.** The words "CITY QUESTION BALLOT" or **"TOWN QUESTION BALLOT"** must be printed at the top of the ballot in upper case letters. **The municipal clerk may add the type of election directly above the date on the blue ballot.** The following words must be printed directly under the ballot heading, municipality name, election type, and election date. "To vote for a question, put an (X) in the square next to the word "YES" for that question. To vote against a question, put an (X) in the square next to the word "NO" for that question."

When more than one municipal question is on the ballot, each municipal ballot question must be designated by a number and must be preceded by the words "CITY QUESTION" or **"TOWN QUESTION"** in upper case letters and the number assigned to the question. The municipal clerk or municipal governing body shall provide a title for each municipal question printed on the blue ballot. The title must not contain more than ten words. The municipality's attorney shall review the title to determine whether it accurately describes the question asked. The title must not be used on the ballot until it has been approved by the municipality's attorney. The title must be printed in upper case letters and must be printed above the question to which it refers. The body of the question must be printed in upper and lower case letters.

M.S. §275.61, Subd. 1 – "…The ballot shall state the **maximum amount of the increased levy as a percentage of market value** and the **amount that will be raised by the new referendum tax rate in the first year it is to be levied.**"

The ballot width may be no less than 4" wide.

M.S. §204B.37 Back of Ballot – "On the back of all ballots shall be printed the words "Official Ballot", the date of the election and lines for the initials of at least two election judges. The words shall be printed so that they will be visible when the ballot is properly folded for deposit in the ballot box."

OFFICIAL BALLOT

MARCH 9, 2010

_____ Judge

_____ Judge

M.R. 8250.1200 – "…The words "OFFICIAL BALLOT" on the back of the ballot must be printed in upper case in as large as practicable but no smaller than 18-point bold type, the date in upper case in as large as practicable but no smaller than 8-point type, and the word "Judge" in upper and lower case in as large as practicable but no smaller than 10-point type."