



From the Office of
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**The facts about the non-binding, advisory public policy question to the Electors of
Northfield Township Regarding Food Pantry Pre-Packaged Meal Possibilities**

Illinois law distinguishes between **binding** and **non-binding** referenda. **Binding** referendums require governmental action if approved by voters, while **non-binding** referendums are advisory only and are used to measure public opinion.

On May 12, 2026, the Northfield Township Board of Trustees passed three (3) resolutions authorizing three (3) referenda to be submitted to voters at the next election on November 3, 2026.

This information is provided by the Supervisor and Board of Trustees of Northfield Township to inform residents and voters of the Township concerning the non-binding advisory public policy question regarding whether the Northfield Township Food Pantry should explore the possibility of offering pre-packaged meals. The specific question will read:

"Should Northfield Township, Cook County, Illinois, explore the possibility of enabling the Northfield Township Food Pantry to offer pre-packaged meals to residents of Northfield Township who are in need?"	YES ☐
	NO ☐

FAQs:

FACT 1: Currently, the Northfield Township Food Pantry operates as a “client-choice” pantry, where clients select food items based on household size and available inventory.

FACT 2: This advisory referendum asks whether the Township should explore the possibility of enabling the Northfield Township Food Pantry to offer pre-packaged meals to its food distribution programs.

FACT 3: This referendum is non-binding, meaning the results would provide community feedback but would not by themselves establish a pre-packaged meal program.

FACT 4: The Northfield Township Food Pantry currently serves approximately 1,050 households and approximately 41% of those households are headed by a senior citizen.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Northfield Township, as a governmental body spending taxpayer funds, cannot take a position on the outcome of any referendum questions but may provide factual, educational materials to its residents. The information contained herein is provided as factual, educational materials only.