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Notice of Measure Election

City

Notice		
Date of Notice 08/26/22	Name of City or Cities City of Happy Valley	Date of Election 11/08/22
Final Ballot Title The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the city's voters. The ballot title notice has been published and the ballot title challenge process has been completed.		
Caption 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure.		
APPROVAL OF HAPPY VALLEY PARKS AND RECREATION LEVY FOR FIVE YEARS		
Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.		
Shall Happy Valley maintain levy rate of \$0.54/\$1,000 for parks and recreation services for five years beginning Fiscal Year 2023/24? This measure renews current local option taxes.		
Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.		
This measure will not increase taxes. It would renew a local option levy that City voters approved in 2018. All funds collected would be spent on parks and recreation programs in Happy Valley. The City's park and recreation services are funded exclusively by this local option levy. This proposed levy maintains the rate of \$0.54/\$1,000 of assessed value (approximately \$199/year for the median home with a market value of \$550,000 and an assessed value of \$368,500). If approved, this levy would provide the City with a dedicated revenue source for maintaining the fields, playgrounds, trails, picnic shelters, and other amenities at city-owned parks. In addition, these dollars may be used in combination with grants and development fees for the design and purchase of future parks and trails. Finally, funds would help offset the costs of recreation programs such as summer camps, activity classes, and community events. Should this levy fail, the City would not have enough resources to maintain the parks or provide recreation programs. The amount of funds raised by this proposed levy for each of the next five fiscal years is estimated to be as follows: FY 2023/24: \$2,040,000; FY 2024/25: 2,140,000; FY 2025/26: \$2,250,000; 2026/27: \$2,360,000; FY 2027/28: \$2,480,000.		
Explanatory Statement 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect.		
If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be drafted and attached to this form for: → any measure referred by the city governing body; or → any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.		
		Explanatory Statement Attached? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Authorized City Official Not required to be notarized.		
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<i>By signing this document:</i> → I hereby state that I am authorized by the city to submit this Notice of Measure Election; and → I certify that notice of receipt of ballot title has been published and the ballot title challenge process for this measure completed.		

Signature Redacted

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Signature

Date Signed

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT:

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This measure will not increase taxes. It would renew a local option levy that City voters approved in 2018. All funds collected would be spent on parks and recreation programs in Happy Valley.

In 2020, the City assumed the role of the parks and recreation provider from North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District. Those services are funded exclusively by this local option levy.

This proposed levy maintains the rate of \$0.54/\$1,000 of assessed value (approximately \$199/year for the median home with a market value of \$550,000 and an assessed value of \$368,500).

If approved, this levy would provide the City with a dedicated revenue source for parks and recreation services. Specifically, these funds would provide dedicated resources for maintaining the fields, playgrounds, trails, boardwalk, parking lots, bathrooms, picnic shelters, and other amenities at city-owned parks and natural areas. They would also contribute to a fund reserved for replacing park assets as they age to ensure fields and structures are safe and welcoming. In addition, these dollars may be used in combination with grants and development fees for the design and purchase of future parks. Finally, funds would help offset the costs of recreation programs such as summer camps, activity classes, and community events.

Should this levy fail, the City would not have enough resources to maintain the parks or provide recreation programs. Park maintenance would be drastically reduced, and no new programs would be developed.

The City of Happy Valley has one of the lowest tax rates in Oregon. Residents are taxed at a rate of \$0.67 per \$1,000 of assessed value (or \$247/year for the median home with a market value of \$550,000 and an assessed value of \$368,500), which isn't enough to provide all the services that residents want. For comparison, most other cities in the Portland Metro Region levy taxes in the range of \$2.12 (West Linn) to \$4.97 (Lake Oswego) per \$1,000 of assessed value. Complicating matters, Oregon State Law prohibits cities from changing their permanent tax rates, causing new services to be funded by "levies" if approved by voters.

This measure would allow the City of Happy Valley to collect revenue beyond its permanent tax rate on a five-year basis for parks and recreation services.

The amount of funds raised by this proposed levy for each of the next five fiscal years is estimated to be as follows: FY 2023/24: \$2,040,000; FY 2024/25: \$2,140,000; FY 2025/26: \$2,250,000; 2026/27: \$2,360,000; FY 2027/28: \$2,480,000