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Notice of City Measure Election

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City and Notice Information

Notice is hereby given on August 26, 2014, that a measure election will be held in

Happy Valley,

Oregon on November 4,

2014.

Name of City or Cities

Date of Election

The following shall be the ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the city's voters:

Caption 10 words

FIVE YEAR POLICE SERVICES LOCAL OPTION TAX

Question 20 words

Shall Happy Valley levy a tax of \$1.65 per thousand for police services for 5 years starting in 2015?

This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

Summary 175 words

If passed, the measure would continue police and other public safety services in the City for five (5) more years, i.e., until June 30, 2020. The current levy for police services ends June 30, 2015.

The measure would increase the levy rate from \$1.38 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value to \$1.65 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value generating approximately \$3.1 million annually for police and related services; the expiring levy generates approximately \$2.74 million for those services.

Passage will allow for:

- Maintaining 24/7 police services
- Increasing staffing levels to two (2) sworn uniformed officers per shift
- Provide contingency fund of 10% for emergency events; and
- fund police services without additional general fund monies

For an average property in Happy Valley (with an assessed value of \$300,000.00) the levy increases taxes for police services from \$414.00 (under the current levy) to \$495.00 under the proposed levy annually.

A no vote ends dedicated police protection within the City and results in only those services by the Sheriff available to unincorporated areas outside the Enhanced Law Enforcement District.

The following authorized city official hereby certifies the above ballot title is true and complete, which includes publication of notice and the completion of the ballot title challenge process.

[Redacted Signature]

8/25/14

Date Signed mm/dd/yy

Marilee Walden
Printed Name of Authorized City Official

City Recorder
Title

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Measure Explanatory Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet

Important! Please read all instructions before completing this form. This form is to be used when filing a 'Measure Explanatory Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet' with your County Elections office. If a local government is located in more than one county, the county clerk of the county in which the city hall of the city or the administrative office of the local government is located shall be the filing officer for the 'Measure Explanatory Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet'.

Filing Information

Election: Primary 20____ General 20 14 Special _____ Measure # _____

Ballot Title Caption

FIVE YEAR POLICE SERVICES LOCAL OPTION TAX

Name of Person responsible for content of 'Explanatory Statement' (as it should appear in the Voters' Pamphlet):

Marylee Walden

Name of Jurisdiction/Organization Person is authorized to represent (as it should appear in the Voters' Pamphlet):

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8/25/14

Signature of person responsible for content of 'Explanatory Statement'

Date

MEASURE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

See attached for 'Measure Explanatory Statement' (500 word/number MAX).

For Office Use only:

County: _____

Signed? Yes No

'Measure Explanatory Statement' attached?

Yes No

Intake Staff Initials:

Word Count (500 max):

Digital copy? Yes No

Review Staff Initials:

MEASURE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

If approved by the voters, this measure provides a five (5) year law enforcement operating levy in Happy Valley starting July 1, 2015 running through June 30, 2020. The current law enforcement operating levy expires June 30, 2015.

The proposed levy would increase the tax assessment for law enforcement by \$0.27 from \$1.38/\$1000.00 of tax assessed value to \$1.65/1000.00 of tax assessed value, an increase of 19.57%. This is the first proposed tax increase since 2002.

For a residence in Happy Valley with a tax assessed value of \$300,000.00, the proposed levy results in an annual tax increase for law enforcement services of \$81.00 from \$414.00 to \$495.00.

Between 2002 – when the City's \$1.38 levy was first approved by the voters – until the end of 2013 (the most recent period for which numbers are available) – annual call volume for law enforcement services rose from 1348 to 3417, an increase of over 250%; in that same period, the City's population rose from 4930 to 15575 (315% increase) and grew physically from 4.5 to 9 square miles.

An agreement between Happy Valley and the Clackamas County Sheriff sets out both the City's and Sheriff's respective obligations for law enforcement; this contractual approach has been used since the 2002 and would continue under the proposed levy.

Before placing this proposed levy on the ballot, the City Council appointed a 7 person panel in October 2013 to review the law enforcement needs of the City. The Panel was made up of two (2) City Council members, two (2) volunteer members of the City's Traffic and Public Safety Committee and three (3) citizen volunteer members. The Panel reviewed a variety of items over a seven month period and after holding two Open Houses made recommendations to the Council in July, 2014 relative to the law enforcement needs for Happy Valley including the proposed levy of \$1.65.

Law enforcement services in the City are currently provided by 10 experienced, sworn full-time deputies from the Sheriff's Office, one (1) part time and one (1) non-sworn Community Services Officer.

With monies from the proposed levy, those 12 personnel would remain and two (2) additional full-time experienced sworn sheriff deputies added. That would then allow for 24/7 coverage in the City by two (2) deputies.

In addition, monies generated by the proposed levy would be sufficient to fund a School Resource Officer providing law enforcement and related services to schools located in Happy Valley if necessary.

In addition to the two new deputies and a possible school resource officer, the levy increase provides monies for a contingency in the amount of 15% of expenditures for emergency events needing law enforcement services.

Should the measure fail and no replacement measure pass prior to June 30, 2015, all City specific dedicated law enforcement services would end and City residents would then receive those law enforcement services available to the unincorporated areas of the County not covered by an Enhanced Law Enforcement District or the like.