

Notice of Measure Election

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Notice

Date of Notice

8/10/2016

Name of City or Cities

City of Oregon City

Date of Election

November 8, 2016

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.

Oregon City Community Safety Facility General Obligation Bond Authorization

Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.

Shall Oregon City issue up to \$16 million in general obligation bonds to provide a new community safety facility? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.

Approval of this measure authorizes the City to issue up to \$16 million of general obligation bonds. The City intends to pay debt service on the bonds from revenues already available to the City and does not intend to levy property taxes to pay the bonds. Approval of this measure will allow the City to finance the community safety facility with general obligation bonds, which have a lower interest rate than alternative financing mechanisms. The bonds may be issued in one or more series. Each series will mature in 20 years or less.

If approved, the bonds would finance capital costs related to a new community safety facility, expected to include the following features, and to finance demolition costs and costs related to the bonds:

- police station;
- emergency operations center;
- municipal court;
- and associated community spaces.

The community safety facility would also comply with seismic safety standards.

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? Yes No

Authorized City Official Not required to be notarized.

Name

Kattie Riggs

Title

City Recorder / Elections Officer

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By signing this document:

- 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.

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8/10/2016

Signature

Date Signed

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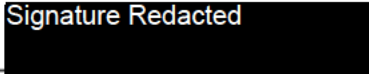
CLACKAMAS COUNTY EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR COUNTY VOTERS' PAMPHLET

[THIS INTERACTIVE FORM CAN BE FILLED IN ON-LINE]

ELECTION DATE <u>11/8/2016</u>	MEASURE NUMBER <u>3-497</u>
BALLOT TITLE/CAPTION	
NAME OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTENT OF STATEMENT <u>Kattie Riggs</u>	
NAME OF ORGANIZATION PERSON REPRESENTS, IF ANY <u>City of Oregon City</u>	
TELEPHONE (HOME)	TELEPHONE (WORK) <u>503-496-1505</u>
FAX NUMBER	E-MAIL ADDRESS <u>Kriggs@orc-city.org</u>

See attached.

The total word / number count may not exceed 500 words / numbers. Word / number count total: 500

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SIGNATURE OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTENT OF STATEMENT

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Measure Explanatory Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet

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The Oregon City Police Department building was first purchased by the City in the 1980s. It houses the police department, the municipal court and code enforcement. The building is 12,000 square feet. In the 1980s, the population in Oregon City was under 16,000 and there were approximately 30 total police employees. Today, the population of Oregon City has nearly doubled to over 35,000 residents with 57 full time police staff employees. There are 4 full time and 8 part-time municipal court employees. Severe space limitations at the current building have forced police staff to house essential services in three double-wide trailers on the back of the property that provide an additional 4,000 square feet of space.

Oregon Law requires that police and other emergency buildings meet seismic requirements by the year 2022. The existing building does not meet those requirements and would likely collapse during a significant seismic event. A functioning police department will play a key role in keeping the community safe following an earthquake or other natural disaster.

After studying alternatives for years, the City Commission resolved that a modern police department, municipal court, and emergency operations center should be constructed at the Mt. Pleasant School property, which was purchased by the City in January of 2015. The cost of the construction is estimated to be \$20 million. In May of 2015, the Oregon City Commission passed an Ordinance establishing the Community Safety Advancement Fund (CSAF). The Ordinance created a temporary fee of \$6.50 per month that is currently paid by residents and businesses. Revenue from the fee can only be used for the new public safety facility and is expected to pay the debt service on any bonds issued to finance the facility.

This ballot measure seeks authorization from the voters of Oregon City to allow the City to borrow up to \$16 million over 20 years or less to issue general obligation bonds to finance a portion of the new public safety facility. The remaining amount for the project would come from the sale of the current building and CSAF funds collected prior to the bond issuance. While the City does not intend to raise property taxes and expects to pay for the bonds with CSAF funds, General Obligation bonds offer the lowest interest rates available to the City, and therefore will reduce the overall cost of the project. The Oregon City Charter and the Oregon Constitution require voter approval before issuance of general obligation bonds, even though the City does not intend to levy a tax to pay debt service on the bonds.

The new public safety facility is expected to include separate entrances for those seeking police help and suspects of crimes, private interview rooms for victims, a modern emergency operations center and a public meeting space. Improvements to the municipal court are expected to include better security, a larger courtroom, and private meeting rooms for attorneys and their clients. The new public safety facility would also be more easily accessible to disabled citizens.

I'm the person submitting this Measure Explanatory Statement for the City of Oregon City.

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8/10/16

Kattie Riggs, Election Official and City Recorder for the City of Oregon City