

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Policy Session Worksheet

Presentation Date: 2/16/21 **Approx. Start Time:** 3:30pm **Approx. Length:** 15 minutes

Presentation Title: Five-Year County Sheriff Public Safety Local Option Levy

Department: Clackamas County Sheriff's Office

Presenters: Sheriff Angela Brandenburg

Other Invitees: Undersheriff Michael Copenhagen & Chief Deputy Jenna Morrison

WHAT ACTION ARE YOU REQUESTING FROM THE BOARD?

Approve Public Safety Local Option Levy to be put on the May 2021 ballot at \$0.368/\$1000 assessed home value.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Public Safety Local Option Levy was approved by voters in November 2006, approved again in November 2011, and again in November 2016. The current levy is set to expire on December 31, 2021. In the 15 years of the Public Safety Local Option Levy voters have never been asked for an increase. A status quo renewal would result in a loss of 12 deputies (2 million dollars) over the 5 year life cycle. As the County has grown in population the demand for services has grown. Adding 12 cents to the existing levy would allow the Sheriff's Office to increase current service levels. The levy would add an additional 16 patrol deputies to respond to emergency calls and patrol our roadways. It would fund 6 jail deputies and open 26 mental health beds in the jail. It would fund 5 additional detectives to investigate older adult abuse/neglect, child abuse/neglect, human trafficking, and felony person on person crimes. It would provide funding for 2 non-sworn Internal Affairs investigators. It would fund a body-worn camera program and one non-sworn employee to manage the program. It would also allow the Sheriff's Office to maintain 84 jail beds, 18 patrol deputies and 10 investigators assigned to the Sheriff's specialized drug enforcement team.

The deadline to get this measure on the May ballot is February 26, 2021.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (current year and ongoing):

Is this item in your current budget? YES NO

What is the cost? \$ NA

What is the funding source? NA

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

- How does this item align with your Department's Strategic Business Plan goals?

This aligns with the Sheriff's Office strategic goal of Clackamas County residents will experience safe communities through the delivery of justice and apprehension of criminals when crime has occurred.

- How does this item align with the County's Performance Clackamas goals?

This aligns with the boards Strategic priority to ensure safe, healthy and secure communities.

LEGAL/POLICY REQUIREMENTS:

Board of County Commissioners approval required to place on ballot.

PUBLIC/GOVERNMENTAL PARTICIPATION:

N/A

OPTIONS:

The Board of County Commissioners can approve the request of the Sheriff to place a Local Option Public Safety Levy on the May ballot at an increase of 12 cents for a total of \$0.368/\$1000 assessed home value (currently \$267,000).

The Board of County Commissioners can deny the request.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve the request of the Sheriff to place a Local Option Public Safety Levy on the May ballot at an increase of 12 cents for a total of \$0.368/\$1000 assessed home value. Thereby increasing public safety services to the people in Clackamas County.

ATTACHMENTS:

Ballot Title and Summary

SUBMITTED BY:

Division Director/Head Approval _____
Department Director/Head Approval Angela Brandenburg
County Administrator Approval _____

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BALLOT TITLE

CAPTION (10 Words):

Five-Year County Sheriff Public Safety Local Option Levy

QUESTION (20 Words):

Shall Clackamas County fund law enforcement with a rate of 36.8 cents per \$1,000 assessed value for five years beginning 2022-2027?

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

SUMMARY (175 Words): 169 currently

This measure would replace the current Public Safety Levy which was approved by voters in 2016 and expires in 2021. Approval of this levy will allow the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office to:

- Support community safety in every part of Clackamas County by providing approximately:
 - o 34 Sheriff's patrol deputies responding to emergency calls for service and patrolling our roadways;
 - o 5 Sheriff's detectives to investigate elder abuse/neglect cases; child abuse/neglect cases; human trafficking, and felony crimes against persons
- Maintain 84 jail beds by funding 30 Sheriff's jail deputies. These 84 beds opened upon the passage of the first levy in 2006 and have reduced the number of prisoners released early into the community.
- Open 26 mental health jail beds by funding 6 Sheriff's jail deputies.
- Implement a new body-worn camera program and fund 2 internal affairs investigators
- Maintain funding for Sheriff's specialized drug enforcement team targeting drug traffickers and those involved in drug-related crimes such as identity theft, property crimes, child abuse and neglect.

This measure would cost 36.8 cents per \$1000 of assessed value. The cost would be approximately \$_8.28_ per month, or \$_99.36_ per year, on a home with an assessed value of \$270,000 (the median assessed value in Clackamas County). It is estimated the proposed rate would raise \$___ million in 2022-23, \$___ million in 2023-24, \$___ million in 2024-25, \$___ million in 2025-26, and \$___ million in 2026-27.