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Notice

Date of Notice
3/5/2018

Name of City or Cities
City of Happy Valley

Date of Election
May 15, 2018

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 beginning Fiscal Year 2018/19 maintain tax rate of \$0.54/\$1,000 for parks and recreation services for five years?

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

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

This measure will not increase taxes. Instead, this measure maintains the previous rate imposed by the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD), but directs the funds raised by the levy to the City.

In 2018, the City assumed the role of the parks and recreation provider from NCPRD. Previously, residents paid property taxes to NCPRD at the rate of \$0.54/\$1,000 of assessed value (approximately \$160/year for the median home with a market value of \$425,300 and an assessed value of \$295,584). Residents no longer pay this tax to NCPRD. If approved, this measure would impose a levy at the same rate, but would direct the funds raised by the levy to the City rather than NCPRD.

A "yes" vote provides the City with revenue dedicated to build and maintain fields, playgrounds, trails, picnic shelters, and amenities at city-owned parks. The revenue will also provide future recreation programs.

A "no" vote results in the City not having revenue dedicated to build and maintain park amenities 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 2018/19: \$1,600,000; FY 2019/20: \$1,696,000; FY 2020/21: \$1,797,760; FY 2021/22: \$1,905,626; FY 2022/23: \$2,019,963.

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.

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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.

3/5/18

Signature

Date Signed

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT:

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A “yes” vote provides the City with revenue dedicated to build and maintain parks, as well as offer recreation services. Specifically, these funds will provide dedicated resources for building and maintaining fields, playgrounds, trails, boardwalks, picnic shelters, and amenities at city-owned parks and natural areas. They will 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 system development charges for the design and purchase of future parks. Finally, funds will help offset the costs of future recreation programs such as summer camps, activity classes, and community events.

A “no” vote results in the City not having revenue dedicated to build and maintain park amenities 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 \$200/year for the median home with a market value of \$425,300 and an assessed value of \$295,584), 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 service.

This proposed levy maintains the overall existing tax rates. Instead of \$0.54/\$1,000 of assessed value (approximately \$160/year for the median home with a market value of \$425,300 and an assessed value of \$295,584) going to NCPRD, that portion of taxes will go to the City of Happy Valley. Those funds will be used for parks maintenance and recreation programming.

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