

RESOLUTION NO. 463-R

A RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF TROUTDALE AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD MAY 18, 1982; A CHARTER AMENDMENT LIMITING THE CITY'S AUTHORITY TO LEVY PROPERTY TAXES AND A PROPOSITION TO ESTABLISH A NEW CITY TAX BASE

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it necessary to provide the basic level of municipal service which can only be assured by a voter approved Tax Base; and,

WHEREAS, the Budget Committee has carefully considered and recommended the Charter amendment and tax base amount,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TROUTDALE THAT:

Section 1.

Call for Election: An election is hereby called to be held on Tuesday, May 18, 1982 from the hours of 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. (Pacific Standard Time) at which time two measures shall be submitted to the voters of the City of Troutdale, which, if approved, would limit the City's authority to levy property taxes and establish a new tax base.

Section 2.

The Ballot questions shall read as follows:

A. Title: "Charter Amendment Limiting the City's authority to Levy Property Taxes."

Question: Shall the City Charter be amended to limit the City Council's authority to levy property taxes?

Purpose: If the tax base measure is adopted, this measure imposes limitations on the City's authority, without further voter approval, to levy property taxes for general City operations.

Explanation: If the tax base proposed in the following measure is approved, this charter amendment would require voter approval each fiscal year before the City Council could levy property taxes for general City operations, except voter approval would not be required for the portion of each fiscal year's levy that met two conditions. First, it must be recommended by two-thirds of the Budget Committee. Second, it must not exceed \$760,277 for fiscal year 1982-83, \$836,305 for fiscal year 1983-84, nor the City's tax base for fiscal years after June 30, 1984.

B. Title: "Establishment of a new City Tax Base."

Question: Shall a new tax base of \$919,935 be established for the City of Troutdale beginning July 1, 1982?

Purpose: Approval of this measure will establish a \$919,935 tax base pursuant to Article XI, Oregon Constitution and replace the existing \$344,500 tax base.

Explanation: This proposed new tax base would help finance needed municipal services and would allow long range financial planning. The new tax base would update the City's present tax base of \$344,500 which was derived from a tax base approved by the voters in 1980, and which has proved to be inadequate because of the growth of the City, inflation and increasing needs for municipal services. Additionally, the serial levies for providing street lighting services expire in fiscal year 1981-82 and must be brought within the general operating levy. If approved, under current law, taxes levied within the new tax base will be eligible for up to 30% partial state financing of taxes on owner occupied property. In proposing the new tax base, the Council does not intend immediately to levy taxes to the full amount possible under the new tax base, but instead intends to be limited by the Charter amendment submitted as the previous measure.

Section 3.

The Finance Director/City Recorder is directed to prepare such notices as necessary to call for the May 18, 1982 election.


PASSED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TROUTDALE THIS 23rd DAY OF March, 1982.

YEAS: 5

NAYS: 0

  
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R.M. STURGES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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NANCY B. NIXON  
FINANCE DIRECTOR/CITY RECORDER