

RESOLUTION NO. 475-R

A RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF TROUTDALE AT A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 2, 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,

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, November 2, 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. 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 \$606,170 for fiscal year 1983-84, \$666,787 for fiscal year 1984-85, nor the City's tax base for fiscal years after June 30, 1985.

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

Question: Shall a new tax base of \$733,465 be established for the City of Troutdale beginning July 1, 1983?

Purpose: Approval of this measure will establish a \$733,465 tax base pursuant to Article XI, Oregon Constitution and replace the existing \$344,500 tax base. 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 \$365,170 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 expired in fiscal year 1981-82 and must be funded 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 November 2, 1982 election.


ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TROUTDALE THIS 24th DAY OF August, 1982.

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R.M. STURGES, MAYOR  
DATE SIGNED: 8-25-82

ATTEST:

  
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NANCY B. NIXON  
FINANCE DIRECTOR/CITY RECORDER