

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LOCAL OPTION LEVY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

THE TROUTDALE CITY COUNCIL FINDS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Recent survey results give high ratings to the police department and the quality of life in Troutdale. To maintain a high level of service and citizen protection, a properly staffed police department is required.
2. Rapid growth in both commercial and residential areas has restricted the police department's ability to interact with the community and implement significant crime prevention programs. Programs like DARE, SIU, Neighborhood Watch, Beach Patrol and traffic enforcement will be placed in jeopardy as the demand for police services increase with limited funding sources.
3. Placement of full time Troutdale police officers in Reynolds High School and Walt Morey Middle School to teach programs outlined in the School Resource Officers Training Program, ensure the continuation of the DARE program in the grade schools, and improve security in all Troutdale schools is a high priority.
4. That to provide for a properly staffed police department that allows for the development of proactive programs, additional funding sources are only available through a local option tax levy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TROUTDALE

- A. An election is hereby called for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City the question of a four-year law enforcement operating local option tax levy in the name of the City to impose \$760,600 each year for operating purposes beginning fiscal year 1999-2000. The taxes needed for four years total \$3,042,400. The taxes will be used to add additional police officers, support staff and related resources including police vehicles. The annual tax levy of \$760,600 would be imposed for fiscal years 1999-2000, 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003; and,
- B. The election hereby called shall be held in the City of Troutdale on May 18, 1999. The election shall be conducted pursuant to ORS 254.465 et seq.; and,
- C. The City Recorder shall cause to be delivered to the Elections Officer of Multnomah County, Oregon the attached Notice of Measure Election, not later than 61 days prior to the election; and,

- D. The City Recorder is hereby directed to publish a receipt of notice of ballot title in the Gresham Outlook, a newspaper of general circulation in the City, in accordance with ORS 250.275 (5); and,
- E. The City Recorder shall cause the attached Notice of Measure Election to be published twice in the Gresham Outlook, a paper of general circulation in the City, prior to the election.

YEAS: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSTAINED: 0


Paul Thalmer, Mayor

Dated: 3-11-99


Debbie Stickney, Deputy City Recorder

Adopted: 3-9-99

NOTICE OF MEASURE ELECTION

City of Troutdale Multnomah County, Oregon

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 18, 1999, an election will be held in the City of Troutdale, Multnomah County, Oregon. The following question will be submitted to the qualified voters of the City of Troutdale:

CAPTION:

Four-year Law Enforcement Operating Local Option Tax

QUESTION:

Shall City of Troutdale impose \$760,600 each year for law enforcement operating purposes beginning fiscal year 1999-2000? This tax would be imposed for four years. This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

SUMMARY:

This measure may be passed only at an election with at least a 50 percent voter turnout. The taxes needed for four years total \$3,042,400, which will be imposed in equal amounts of \$760,600 each fiscal year commencing 1999-2000 and ending 2002-2003. The taxes will be used to add additional police officers, support staff and related resources including police vehicles. This levy will add patrol officers to provide more time to spend on community policing activities, neighborhood watch, traffic enforcement, and interacting with the business community. The levy will allow the City to place full time police officers in the high school and middle school to teach programs outlined in the School Resource Officers Training Program, ensure the continuation of the DARE program in the grade schools, and improve security in all Troutdale schools. It is estimated that the proposed tax will result in a rate of approximately \$1.16 per \$1,000 of assessed value in the first fiscal year. The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of estimate.