

RESOLUTION NO. 1513

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LOCAL OPTION TAX LEVY FOR GENERAL OPERATING PURPOSES

THE TROUTDALE CITY COUNCIL FINDS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Survey results give high ratings to the quality of life in Troutdale. To maintain a high level of service, citizen protection and recreation, properly funded city programs and staffing are required.
2. Rapid increases in the City's population have resulted in significant increases in demand for services.
3. The City has experienced significant costs in the provision of service levels as follows:
 - a. Total police costs have increased from \$1,641,032 in FY 1996-1997 to \$2,247,105 (Adopted Budget) in FY 2000-2001. During this five-year period, costs for public safety have increased by \$606,073 or 42.6 percent. BOEC and communication access fees alone have increased by \$113,534 or 56.5 percent during the five-year period.
 - b. Fire protection service costs have increased from \$653,962 in FY 1996-1997 to \$816,673 (Adopted Budget) in FY 2000-2001. During this five-year period, contracted fire services costs have increased by \$162,711 or 24.9 percent.
4. While during the five-year period from FY 1996-1997 through the budget year 2000-2001, General Fund operating revenues have increased from \$4,976,888 to \$5,940,260, this is only an increase of 19.4 percent compared to the increase in total expenditures for the same period of 23 percent with individual increases of 42.6 percent for public safety in total, 56.5 percent for 9-1-1 emergency services costs and 24.9 percent for contracted fire protection. The fire services contract with the City of Gresham is expected to increase by 40 percent in FY 2002-2003, an estimated increase of \$326,000 over the FY 2000-2001 contract amount.
5. That to maintain current levels of service to Troutdale citizens, 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 general operating local option tax levy in the name of the City to impose \$980,000 each year for operating purposes beginning fiscal year 2001-2002. The taxes needed for four years total \$3,920,000. The taxes will be used to support general operating purposes including but not limited to police and fire protection, community development, building and parks maintenance, and recreation programs. The annual tax levy of \$980,000 would be imposed for fiscal years 2001-2002, 2002-2003, 2003-2004, and 2004-2005.

- B. The election hereby called shall be held in the City of Troutdale on November 7, 2000. The election shall be conducted pursuant to ORS 254.465 et seq.
- 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.
- 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).
- 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:	<u>5</u>
NAYS:	<u>0</u>
ABSTAINED:	<u>0</u>


Paul Thalwfer, Mayor

Dated: 8-23-00


Debbie Stickney, City Recorder

Adopted: 8-22-00

NOTICE OF MEASURE ELECTION

City of Troutdale Multnomah County, Oregon

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 7, 2000, 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 General Operating Local Option Tax

QUESTION:

Shall City of Troutdale impose \$980,000 for four years for general operating purposes beginning 2001-2002? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

SUMMARY:

The taxes needed for four years total \$3,920,000 which will be imposed in equal amounts of \$980,000 each fiscal year commencing 2001-2002 and ending 2004-2005. The taxes will support general operating purposes including but not limited to police, fire, building and parks maintenance, and recreation programs. This levy will maintain current levels of service to Troutdale citizens. This levy will provide funding to maintain current levels of service which have experienced significant cost increases over a five-year period from 1996-1997 to 2000-2001 including total General Fund expenditures of 23% with individual increases of 42.6% for total police costs, 56.5% for 9-1-1 emergency services and 24.9% for contracted fire protection. The fire services contract is expected to increase by 40% in 2002-2003, an estimated increase of \$326,000 over current budget year costs. It is estimated that the proposed tax levy will result in a rate of approximately \$1.36 per \$1,000 of assessed value in the first fiscal year. The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on information available from the county assessor at the time of the estimate.