

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2297**

### **A RESOLUTION CALLING AN ELECTION TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY THE QUESTION OF A PHASED IN THREE (3) CENT PER GALLON MOTOR VEHICLE FUELS TAX TO BE USED FOR STREET MAINTENANCE AND RECONSTRUCTION.**

#### **THE TROUTDALE CITY COUNCIL FINDS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The City Council of the City of Troutdale, Multnomah County, Oregon (The "City"), has determined that a need exists for the City to adequately fund street maintenance and reconstruction; and
2. Revenues from existing sources, including the Oregon State Motor Fuels Tax and the City's budget, are not adequate to maintain the City of Troutdale's street system; and
3. Without additional funding, street maintenance will be deferred that will lead to more expensive renovations, and the condition of Troutdale's street system will decline each year; and
4. A well-maintained street system provides for increased safety, supports property values, prolongs the useful life of public and private vehicles, and contributes to a more attractive community; and
5. Oregon Revised Statutes Chapter 319, subject to voter approval authorizes the City to collect a motor vehicle fuels tax. The money collected by the City from the motor vehicles fuels tax must be used for road maintenance and construction; and
6. The City of Troutdale has decided to refer a measure to the voters at the November 3, 2015 special election, which if approved would require the Council to amend the Troutdale Municipal Code to impose a three (3) cent per gallon Motor Vehicle Fuels Tax.

#### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TROUTDALE**

Section 1. That an election is hereby called in and for the City of Troutdale, Multnomah County, Oregon for the purpose of submitting to the legal voters of the City the following question:

Shall Troutdale phase in motor vehicle fuels tax of three (3) cents per gallon over three years to maintain streets?

Section 2. The election on the measure hereby called will be held in the City of Troutdale on Tuesday, November 3, 2015.

Section 3. The election will be conducted by the Multnomah County Elections Department by mail pursuant to ORS 254.465 and 254.470.

Section 4. The City authorize the City Manager (an "Authorized Representative"), or a designee of the Authorized Representative to act on behalf of the City and to take such further action as is necessary to carry out the intent and purposes herein in compliance with the applicable provision of law.

Section 5. Pursuant to ORS 250.275(5) the City Recorder (the "City Elections Officer") shall publish a notice of receipt of the ballot title in the Gresham Outlook or Oregonian, including notice that an elector may file a petition for review of the ballot title not later than the seventh business day after the title is filed with the City Elections Officer (the "Notice").

Section 6. Pursuant to ORS 254.095(2), and no later than September 2, 2015 (sixty one days prior to the election date), the City Elections Officer will file the ballot title with the county clerk and include the proposed measure in the statement of city measures to be voted on.

Section 7. The City Manager or designee is authorized to sign, and the City Recorder is authorized to submit, an impartial explanatory statement to the county clerk for inclusion in the Multnomah County voters' pamphlet on behalf of the City, as provided in ORS 251.345.

Section 8. The ballot title to appear on the ballots appears on Attachment A to this Resolution, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Section 9. This resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council.

**YEAS:**  
**NAYS:**  
**ABSTAINED:**



**Doug Daoust, Mayor**

Date 7/15/15



**Debbie Stickney, City Recorder**

**Adopted: July 14, 2015**

Resolution #2297

## Notice of Tax Election

### Troutdale Motor Vehicle Fuels Tax

**Caption** (10 words)

AUTHORIZES PHASE IN OF TAX ON MOTOR VEHICLE FUELS

**Question** (20 words)

*Shall Troutdale phase in motor vehicle fuels tax of three (3) cents per gallon over three years to maintain streets?*

**Summary** (175 words)

This measure authorizes the City of Troutdale to collect a tax on motor vehicle fuels sold within the city. The tax will be one (1) cent per gallon in 2016, two (2) cents in 2017 and three (3) cents per gallon thereafter.

The proceeds would be dedicated to support ongoing maintenance of Troutdale's streets. The maintenance of local streets is currently paid with Troutdale's share of state gas tax funds, which are declining and no longer enough to support the City's cost-saving preventative maintenance program.

Under Oregon law, revenue from the tax can be used only for the construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair, maintenance and operation of streets in Troutdale.

The proceeds will support the City of Troutdale's Pavement Preservation Program, which performs ongoing preventative maintenance to avoid more costly street reconstruction and replacement.

Troutdale City Council will also adopt by resolution a public reporting system to track tax revenues and program expenditures to assure accountability, with reports made available to the public.

If approved, the measure will take effect on January 1, 2016.