ORDINANCE NO. 664-A

Introduced by Commissioner Gramson

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CALLING OF A CITY TAX BASE ELECTION IN THE CITY OF WARRENTON, OREGON, ON NOVEMBER 7, 1978, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE CITY OF WARRENTON, OREGON, THE QUESTION OF ESTABLISHING A NEW TAX BASE FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPLYING THE LIMITATION ON TAXATION SET FORTH IN SECTION 11, ARTICLE XI, OREGON CONSTITUTION.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the city of Warrenton, Oregon, has determined that a new tax base should be established as authorized by subsection (2), Section 11, Article XI, Oregon Constitution, in order to permit the proper operation of the city affairs within the limitation contained in Section 11, Article XI, Oregon Constitution, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to submit the question of establishing a new tax base to the legal voters of the city of Warrenton, Oregon,

NOW, THEREFORE, the city of Warrenton ordains as follows:

Section 1. <u>Date of Election</u>. The proposition set forth in Section 2 of this ordinance shall be submitted in the manner prescribed in this ordinance to the legal voters of the city of Warrenton, Oregon, at a city tax base election to be held on November 7, 1978.

Section 2. Form of Proposition. At the city tax base election there shall be submitted to the legal voters of the city of Warrenton, for their approval or rejection, the following proposition:

"Shall the city of Warrenton, Clatsop County, Oregon, increase its tax base from \$51,182.00 to \$67,182.00?"

Section 3. <u>Election Part of Statewide General Election</u>. There is a regular statewide general election being held in the state of Oregon and in the city of Warrenton on November 7, 1978, and this city tax base election is called to be held concurrently therewith, and as a part thereof.

Section 4. <u>Election Boards</u>. The city tax base election shall be handled by, and the city tax base ballots counted by, the same election boards that handle the regular statewide general election in the election precincts in which the city of Warrenton is located, at the regular statewide general election to be held on November 7, 1978. Such election boards hereby are designated as the election boards for the city tax base election and shall hold their respective offices as designated for the regular statewide general election.

Section 5. <u>Voting Hours</u>. The polls for the city tax base election shall be opened in each of the voting precincts at the same hour, and shall be kept open until the same hour, as the polls are opened and closed for the regular statewide general election that will be held on the same day.

Section 6. <u>Qualified Voters</u>. The election boards handling the election shall permit only those electors to vote on the question of establishing a new city tax base who are otherwise qualified to vote at the regular statewide general election and who reside within the boundaries of the city of Warrenton.

Section 7. <u>Notice of Election</u>. Notice of the city tax base election shall be given by publication twice in The Daily Astorian,

a newspaper of general circulation in the city of Warrenton, Oregon, not more than 30 nor less than 10 days before the election. Notices of the city tax base election shall be posted for not less than 20 days before the election in three public places within the city. The notice in the newspaper and that posted in three public places shall be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO ESTABLISH NEW CITY TAX BASE

On November 7, 1978, in the city of Warrenton, Clatsop County, from 8:00 a.m. till 8:00 p.m. a city tax base election will be held at which the following proposition will be submitted to the legal voters of the city of Warrenton for their approval or rejection:

ESTABLISHING NEW CITY TAX BASE. Shall the city			
of Warrenton, Clatsop County, Oregon, in-	YES]
51 crease its tax base from \$51,182.00 to			
\$67,182.00?	NO	[]

The City has employed four full-time police officers for approximately the last nine months. The State Bureau of Police Standards and Training recommends five fulltime police officers as necessary for maintenance of 24 hour coverage, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Approval of this measure will increase the City tax base from \$51,182.00 to \$67,182.00 which may be levied without future voter approval. This tax base may annually be increased by the appropriate constitutional percentage which now is 6 percent. Revenue increase will be used to hire a fifth full-time police officer.

The polling places in the city for the city tax base election will be at the same places as provided by Clatsop County for the statewide general election to be held on the same day, November 7, 1978, and to such places as the election boards may legally adjourn.

The City Commission by ordinance has appointed the identical officers appointed by the county clerk of Clatsop County, Oregon, for the statewide general election, as the election officers of the city tax base election to serve in each of the polling places in the respective precincts to which they are appointed by the county clerk of Clatsop County.

Witness my hand and seal of the city of Warrenton, this <u>G</u> day of <u>Jepten lun</u>, 1978.

<u>Ailbert Mannan</u> City Recorder

Section 8. <u>Posting of Notices; Voters' Pamphlets Unnecessary</u>. The city recorder shall advertise and post or cause to be posted the notices required by Section 7 of this ordinance. The notices of the city tax base election required to be given by Section 7 of this ordinance shall constitute the only notice necessary and all ordinances or resolutions in conflict herewith shall not apply to the notices required to be given of this election. It shall be unnecessary for either the city of Warrenton or any official thereof to furnish the legal voters at the city tax base election pamphlets containing either: (a) the text of the proposition, or (b) arguments in support of or in opposition to the proposition.

Section 9. <u>Number and Form of the Question</u>. The following is the number and form in which the question shall be printed upon the official ballot:

VOTE YES OR NO. MARK X OR \checkmark IN THE SQUARE FOR THE ANSWER VOTED FOR.

Referred to the People by the City Commission

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	city of Warrenton, Clatsop County,	YES	[]
51	Oregon, increase its tax base from		-	-
	\$51,182.00 to \$67,182.00?	NO	[]

Section 10. The city of Warrenton finds that an emergency exists because the matter must be submitted to the Clatsop County Clerk on September 7, 1978 for the purpose of placement on the November ballot and, therefore, this ordinance shall go into effect upon its passage and approval as it is in the best interests of the public health, safety and welfare to do so.

Passed by the City Commission of the city of Warrenton, Oregon this _____ day of September, 1978.

Examined and approved by the Mayor of the city of Warrenton this day of September, 1978.

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ATTEST: