ORDINANCE NO. 699-A

Introduced by Mayor Newton.

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CALLING OF A CITY TAX BASE ELECTION IN THE CITY OF WARRENTON, OREGON, ON NOVEMBER 4, 1980, 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 4, 1980.

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 establish a new tax base of \$127,741.00 effective in the 1981-1982 fiscal year?"

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 4, 1980, 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 4, 1980. 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. Notice of Election. Notice of the city tax base election shall be given by publication twice in The Columbia Press, a newspaper published 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 4, 1980, 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 establish a new tax	YES	Ľ]
51 base of	\$127,741.00 effective in the			
	82 fiscal year?	NO	Γ]

The existing tax base is \$57,741.00. The proposed tax base is \$127,741.00. If this measure is approved, all taxes levied will be partially financed by the State of Oregon. The new tax base would be effective in the 1981-1982 fiscal year. The City requires property tax revenues to operate. Voters must approve any tax levy request in excess of the City's tax base. Inflation has caused City expenses to rise much faster than income. Approval should provide sufficient revenue for a summer park employee as well as maintain the existing level of services. The polling places in the City for the city tax base election will be at the same places as as provided by Clatsop County for the statewide general election to be held on the same day, November 4, 1980, 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 $\cancel{444}$ day of September, 1980.

<u>Sillet</u> <u>Jamas</u> City Auditor and Manager

Section 8. Posting of Notices; Voters' Pamphlets Unnecessary. The City Auditor 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 by the City of Warrenton. 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 V IN THE SQUARE FOR THE ANSWER VOTED FOR.

Referred to the People by the City Commission

	NEW CITY TAX BASE. Shall the		-	_
City of	Warrenton establish a new tax	YES	Ľ]
51 base of	\$127,741.00 effective in the			
1981-19	82 fiscal year?	NO	Ľ]

Section 10. The City of Warrenton finds that an emergency exists because the matter must be submitted to the Clatsop County Clerk on September 4, 1980 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 3rd day of September, 1980.

Examined and approved by the Mayor of the City of Warrenton this 3rd day of September, 1980.

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ATTEST:

Auditor and Police Judge