

RESOLUTION NO. 2654
Introduced by All Commissioners

A RESOLUTION CALLING AN ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 7, 2023, IN THE CITY OF WARRENTON, OREGON, FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING ON A FIVE YEAR LOCAL OPTION TAX FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 - 2025 THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2028-2029, ADOPTING A BALLOT TITLE TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY, AND APPROVING AN EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Warrenton City Commission resolves as follows:

SECTION 1. That an election be held on November 7, 2023, for the purpose of voting on a local option tax for police department operations. The local option tax will be a five year levy of \$0.34 per \$1,000 of assessed property value each year, and, over the five year period, it is estimated that a total of \$1,510,266.00 will be raised for the purpose of funding two full-time positions in the department.

SECTION 2. The ballot title, submitted directly to the people, shall be as follows:

CAPTION: Five Year Local Option Tax for Police Operations.

QUESTION: Shall Warrenton increase police operations five-year levy from \$.28 to \$0.34 per \$1,000 assessed value beginning July 1, 2024? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

SUMMARY: The City will use the tax revenue from this measure to fund two current full-time police officer positions. Should this Ballot Measure fail, the police department would eliminate two full-time police officer positions, reducing ability to provide 24-hour police service. The proposed levy is \$0.34 per \$1,000 of assessed value or \$85.00 total per year for a \$250,000 house. This is an increase of \$0.06 compared to the current \$0.28 per \$1,000 policy levy which expires in June 2024. The proposed levy would begin in the tax year beginning July 1, 2024, and end in the tax year ending June 30, 2029. The money raised can only be used for police operations.

It is estimated this local option tax will raise approximately \$284,465 in 2024-2025, \$292,999.00 in 2025-2026, \$301,789.00 in 2026-2027, \$310,843.00 in 2027-2028, and \$320,168.00 in 2028-2029, for a total of \$1,510,266.00 over the five year period.

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.

SECTION 3. The Explanatory Statement attached hereto as Exhibit 1 is hereby approved.

SECTION 4. The City Elections Officer is hereby directed to publish the ballot title and give notice of said election, as required by law, and is authorized to act on behalf of the City and to take such further action as are necessary to carry out the intent and purposes set forth herein, in compliance with the applicable provisions of law.

SECTION 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED by the City Commission of the City of Warrenton, Oregon this 8th day of August, 2023.

ATTEST



Dawne Shaw, CMC, City Recorder

APPROVED



Henry A. Balensifer, Mayor

Five Year Local Option Tax For Police Operations _____.

Ballot Measure Explanation:

Included on the November 7, 2023 election ballot for the City of Warrenton is a measure asking residents if they wish to authorize a five-year police operations local option levy of \$0.34 per \$1,000 assessed value. This is an increase of \$0.06 compared to the current \$0.28 per \$1,000 police levy which expires June 2024.

This Ballot Measure, if approved, would enact a Five-Year Local Option Levy to fund two current full-time police officer positions. Should this Ballot Measure fail, the police department would eliminate two full-time police officer positions, reducing the ability to provide 24-hour police service.

The proposed levy represents an increase of \$0.06 to the existing levy; from \$0.28 per \$1,000 of assessed value, to \$0.34 per \$1,000 of assessed value, or a total of \$85 per year for the average homeowner with a \$250,000 house. If passed, the levy would begin July 1, 2024, and end June 30, 2029.

The City of Warrenton covers an area of approximately 19.5 square miles, making it one of the larger cities in the State of Oregon in square miles. The City of Warrenton Police Department provides public safety to over 6,400 full-time residents, and more than double that number during busy weekends and the summer months.

The Police Department is responsible for security and safety for all of the residents and visitors. Warrenton is home to two of the largest campgrounds in the State; Fort Stevens State Park and the Astoria/Warrenton KOA, four large retail shopping areas that include a Fred Meyer Store, Costco, Home Depot, and a Wal-Mart, three marinas, a regional airport, a Coast Guard Air Station, and numerous industrial and commercial properties. All of these areas increase the influx of visitors into Warrenton. The police department also serves an active role in our public schools: Warrenton High School, Warrenton Middle School, Warrenton Grade School, Anchor Christian Academy, Encore Academy, and the Warrenton Head Start facility.

The Warrenton Police Department currently employs a Chief of Police, a Sergeant, ten full-time police officers, Police/Property-Evidence clerk, and a Police/Municipal Court Clerk. During the 2022 calendar year, the police department responded to 8,050 calls for service. This included 2,484 case reports, 1,602 arrests/citations, and 2,016 traffic incidents (Warrenton Police Department 2022 Annual Report). In 1999, a Local Option Tax Levy was created to fund approximately 1.5 patrol officer positions. Before that time, the City did not have 24-hour police service.

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city of warrenton
police department
Nov 2023

2023-2024	
Police Officer Step 7	
MONTHLY	YEARLY
GROSS	5,845
FICA	447
PERS	1,939
UNEMPLOYMENT	6
WC	195
HEALTH INSURANCE	2,029
LIFE INSURANCE/ADD/LTD	18
TOTAL	10,479.54

LOCAL OPTION LEVY PERIOD = 5 YEARS				
2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029
YEARLY	YEARLY	YEARLY	YEARLY	YEARLY
72,248	74,415	76,648	78,947	81,315
5,527	5,693	5,864	6,039	6,221
23,965	25,815	26,589	28,658	29,510
72	74	77	79	81
2,389	2,437	2,485	2,535	2,586
26,299	28,403	30,676	33,130	35,780
215	215	215	215	215
130,715	137,052	142,553	149,603	155,716

training / uniforms	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
TOTAL COST OF STEP 5 POLICE OFFICER	135,715	142,052	147,553	154,603	160,716

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Assumptions:

start officer at step 5 (assume 5% over current-in negotiations)

assume 3% increase for cola each year

fica rate of .0765 remains the same

5 year total **\$ 740,639** 1 FTE (amount needed to fund one officer)

highest pers rate for FYE 2023-2025 is .3317, assume same % increase from previous rates for 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028 & 2028-2029

unemployment rate is .001

workers comp rate at highest rate = .0210 x 1.590 assume no change (expect exp. mod to go down)

assume Full Family Plan and health insurance increases 8% each year

Life & AD&D is \$5.25 a month; LTD is \$12.67

training and uniform costs estimated

assessed value increases 3% each year

collectible percentage is .95 each year

ESTIMATED ASSESSED VALUATION	812,294,367	836,663,198	861,763,094	887,615,987	914,244,467	941,671,801
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UNCOLLECTABLE %5	7,143	6,694	6,953	7,285	7,573	35,647
AMOUNT NEEDED TO COVER 1 FTE	135,715	142,052	147,553	154,603	160,716	740,639
SUB TOTAL LEVY NEEDED	142,858	148,746	154,506	161,888	168,289	776,286

RATE PER 1,000 OF ASSESSED VALUE	0.1707	0.1726	0.1741	0.1771	0.1787
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AMOUNT VARIED LEVY RATE RAISES	142,858	148,746	154,506	161,888	168,289
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AVERAGE RATE LEVY	0.1746	0.1746	0.1746	0.1746	0.1746
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AMOUNT AVERAGE RATE RAISES	146,116	150,500	155,015	159,665	164,455
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AVERAGE RATE LEVY ROUNDED UP	0.1746	0.1746	0.1746	0.1746	0.1746
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TOTAL LEVY NEEDED OVER 5 YEARS	776,286
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TOTAL <u>VARIED</u> RATE LEVY OVER 5 YEARS	776,286	use this for one officer at step 5 over varied rate
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TOTAL <u>AVERAGE</u> RATE LEVY OVER 5 YEARS	775,750
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using .28	234,266	241,294	248,532	255,988	263,668	1,243,748
# of officers at Step 5	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
using .34	284,465	292,999	301,789	310,843	320,168	1,510,266
# of officers at Step 5	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9	