



Home of the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge

RESOLUTION 2020-014

SUPPORTING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY LEVY, BALLOT MEASURE 34-296

FINDINGS: The Washington County Public Safety Levy was created in 2000, to serve all the residents of Washington County with Sheriff's patrol public safety services, including special enforcement teams, prosecutors, juvenile councilors, probation and parole services, emergency shelters for the homeless victims of domestic violence and a mental health response team.

This is a replacement levy with a tax rate of .47/\$1,000 of assessed property value, a five-cent increase over the current rate. This is the first rate increase since voters approved this levy in 2000.

WHEREAS, this levy includes Emergency shelter and services for women and children of domestic abuse and violence, and Victims' Assistance programs for victims of other crimes; and

WHEREAS, this levy includes Mental Health Response Teams that pair a deputy and a mental health clinician together to be sure people in a mental health crisis get served instead of being sent to jail; and

WHEREAS, this levy includes Prevention programs that helped reduce juvenile crime over the past ten years, even as our population has grown in Washington County and the cities; and

WHEREAS, this levy includes Operation of the jail and work release center at full capacity to minimize early release of offenders due to overcrowding; and

WHEREAS, this levy includes Interagency enforcement teams (Major Crimes, Narcotics, and Tactical Negotiations) that serve every part of Washington County, including the cities.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF SHERWOOD RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Sherwood City Council approves supporting the Washington County Public Safety Ballot Measure 34-296.

Section 2. This resolution is effective immediately upon its enactment by the City Council.

Duly passed by the City Council this 3rd day of March, 2020.


Keith Mays, Mayor

Attest


Sylvia Murphy, MMC, City Recorder