

# SPRINGFIELD ELECTION INFORMATION

## General Information

Welcome to the 2017 *Springfield Election Information*. This *Springfield Election Information* is to provide you with valuable information about candidates and measures that will appear on your ballot in Springfield, Oregon. Printed copies of the *Springfield Election Information* are available at the Springfield City Manager's Office, Springfield Public Library, and Springfield Justice Center.

## Candidates

Candidates for the City of Springfield Mayor and Council, Springfield Utility Board, Springfield Public Schools Board, and Willamalane Park and Recreation District Board may submit information for the *Springfield Election Information*. No other candidates will be included in the *Springfield Election Information*.

**Candidate statements are printed as submitted. The City does not correct punctuation, grammar, syntax errors or inaccurate information. The City may, but is not required to, correct spelling errors if the word as originally submitted is in the dictionary.**

## Measures

Measures, as well as arguments for or against measures, for the City of Springfield, Springfield Utility Board, Springfield Public Schools, and Willamalane Park and Recreation District may be submitted for inclusion in the *Springfield Election Information*. No other measures will be included in the *Springfield Election Information*.

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## Registering to Vote:

You may register to vote online at [www.oregonvotes.gov](http://www.oregonvotes.gov) or you can get a voter registration card at Lane County Elections, the City Recorder's Office (225 5th Street, Springfield, OR), the DMV, or other locations around the community. However, your voter registration card must be postmarked no later than 21 days before the election at which you intend to vote. In order to vote in Oregon, you must be at least 18 years old, a resident of Oregon and a citizen of the United States. An Oregon driver's license or state ID card issued by the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is required.

For the November 7, 2017 Special Election, your completed voter registration card must be either:

- postmarked by Tuesday, October 17, 2017;
- delivered to a county elections office by Tuesday, October 17, 2017; or
- delivered to any voter registration agency (e.g. DMV) by Tuesday, October 17, 2017

If you register to vote online, your registration must be submitted by 11:59pm on Tuesday, October 17, 2017.

To check on the status of your voter registration or ballot, go to <http://sos.oregon.gov/voting/Pages/registration.aspx>

To find out more about how and where to register to vote, go to <http://sos.oregon.gov/voting/Pages/voteinor.aspx>

## Voter Information

In Oregon, elections are all vote-by-mail. Registered voters are mailed a ballot approximately two weeks before an election. To vote, follow the instructions on the Ballot Secrecy Envelope. Your return identification envelope must include your signature. Return your ballot by mail to any official ballot drop site location or by mail to Lane County Elections, 275 West 10th Avenue, Eugene, OR 97401.

A list of drop site locations is included with your ballot material. Drop site locations in Springfield include:

- Springfield City Hall, 225 5th Street: At the north end of the covered parking lot between 5th and 6th Streets
- Lively Park Swim Center, 6100 Thurston Road: Just past the front of the building to the left of the driveway.

Drop-boxes are open 24 hours a day up until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

## Resources

- Oregon Secretary of State's Office: [www.oregonvotes.gov](http://www.oregonvotes.gov) or call 1-866-ORE-VOTE (1-866-673-8683)
- Register to Vote: Register online by going to <https://secure.sos.state.or.us/orestar/vr/register.do> or pick up a Voters' Registration Form at Lane County Elections (275 West 10th Avenue, Eugene), Springfield City Manager's Office or Springfield Public Library, 225 5th Street, Springfield. The deadline to register to vote for the May 17, 2016 Primary Election is April 26, 2016.
- City Recorder's Office: For information about the Springfield Election Information, contact the City Recorder at 541.726.4666 or [asowa@springfield-or.gov](mailto:asowa@springfield-or.gov), or visit the City Manager's Office at 225 5th Street, Springfield, Oregon. Office hours are 8:00am-5:00pm Monday through Friday.
- Lane County Elections: For information about your ballot and local voting processes, contact Lane County Elections at 541-682-4234 or visit their website at <http://lanecounty.org/cms/one.aspx?pagelId=4081147> Public office hours at Lane County Elections are 9am-Noon and 1:00-4:00pm Monday through Friday, and 7:00am-8:00pm on Election Day.

## November 7, 2017 Special Election

### Candidates:

There are no City, Springfield Utility Board, Springfield School District or Willamalane Parks and Recreation District candidate positions on the November 7, 2017 ballot.

### Measures:

There is one Springfield measure on the November 7, 2017 Special Election ballot. The ballot title and explanatory statement in this guide was provided by the City per the Springfield *Voter's Pamphlet Policy*.

Arguments in favor or opposed were provided by individuals or groups as listed.

#### Ballot Measure No. 20-273

##### Caption:

Five-Year Levy for Springfield Jail Operations and Police Services

##### Question:

Shall Springfield levy \$1.40 per \$1,000 assessed valuation for five years beginning 2018/19 for Springfield jail operations and police services. This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

##### Summary:

The funds generated from this levy will maintain current level of public safety services and can only be used for jail, police and municipal court. This levy will replace the current \$1.28 levy which will expire on 6/30/18.

Passage of this measure will allow Springfield to:

Continue to fully fund the Springfield Municipal Jail for a five year period. Jail capacity from the existing levy has substantially improved the ability to incarcerate those accused or convicted of crimes. Since the jail opened, property crimes have been reduced by 31%.

Maintain current response times for both emergency and non-emergency calls for service.

Positions included in the levy are police officers, detention officers, community service officers, dispatchers, call takers and municipal court operations.

The levy is based upon assessed value, not market value. The average home in Springfield is assessed at \$144,000. Cost based on current levy rate of \$1.28 is \$184 per year. At the proposed rate of \$1.40, the cost would increase \$18 to \$202 per year.

The proposed rate will raise approximately \$6,641,970 in 2018/19, \$6,841,229 in 2019/20, \$7,046,466 in 2020/21, \$7,257,860 in 2021/22, and \$7,478,596 in 2022/23, for a total of \$35,263,123.

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 and may reflect the impact of early payment discounts, compression and the collection rate.

Explanatory Statement:

Ballot Measure 20-273 proposes a levy of \$1.40 per \$1,000 assessed value for five years beginning in July 2018 for Springfield Municipal Jail operations and police services. Springfield voters first passed a police services levy in 2002 and renewed it 2006 and again in 2012. The current levy expires in June 2018.

Funding from the levy would be used to maintain police services in Springfield. It would only be used for jail, police, and municipal court services. It would fund municipal jail operations, which houses men and women who have been charged or convicted of a crime. The levy also funds about 40 positions that include police officers, detention officers, community service officers, dispatchers, call takers, and court clerks.

The levy provides full funding for jail operations. The Springfield Municipal Jail is the largest municipal jail in the state. Since the jail opened, property crimes in Springfield have been reduced by 31 percent.

Renewal of the levy allows Springfield Police Department to continue to provide faster response times for both emergency and non-emergency calls for service, increase the number and types of calls officers respond to, and increase the number of patrol officers on duty each shift.

In 2009, the rate of persons failing to appear for their court dates was 61 percent. After the jail opened in 2010, that rate dropped and in 2016 it had decreased to 27 percent.

Holding offenders in the Springfield Municipal Jail has also reduced the time police officers previously spent transporting and booking them at Lane County, which has increased police officer availability for patrol and emergency response.

If passed, the levy would cost \$1.40 per \$1,000 assessed value for five years beginning in July 2018. This is an increase of 12 cents over the existing levy and reflects the estimated costs of materials, services, and personnel through the five-year period.

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Additional information is available at [springfield-or.gov](http://springfield-or.gov) under the "Proposed Measure 20-273" [link](#).

*(Explanatory Statement provided by the City of Springfield)*

Arguments in Support of Measure 20-273

The citizens of Springfield lead Lane County in their support for their police department and public safety. That support, including financial support for police services and the municipal jail, has paid off in the dramatic reduction of property crime by over 30% since the municipal jail opened in 2010.

There are many components to public safety including deterrence provided by police presence in the community and swift sanctions for offenders. With the passage of Measure 20-273, the people of Springfield get both.

*Paid for by Patricia W. Perlow  
Lane County District Attorney*

*Statement of Endorsement by  
Patricia W. Perlow  
Lane County District Attorney*

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The Lane County jail capacity is now high enough to keep violent felony offenders in custody. However, the county jail continues to have a very limited capacity to hold persons committing misdemeanor crime.

Springfield's municipal jail provides much needed misdemeanor jail capacity. It adds to the limited capacity of the county jail to hold misdemeanor offenders. The municipal jail has demonstrably helped the Springfield community address property crime. Springfield's neighborhoods and downtown enjoy a quality of life made possible by strong support of their police force and municipal jail.

Springfield's municipal jail benefits all of Lane County. Continued investments in Springfield's public safety services are important in sustaining the county's public safety system. This is why I urge you to support Ballot Measure 20-273.

*Paid for by Byron M. Trapp  
Lane County Sheriff*

*Statement of Endorsement by  
Byron M. Trapp  
Lane County Sheriff*

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**Vote Yes to Continue Reducing Crime in Springfield**

Since the opening of the Justice Center in 2010, Springfield has been enjoying the fruits of the Jail and Police Services Levy. Our downtown area is flourishing because our business owners and neighbors are no longer being put off by the criminals who once overran it.

For an additional \$18-20 (depending on the value of your home) per year, we can continue to enjoy reductions in: property crime, police response times, and the number of criminals roaming our streets at any given moment. The levy funding is used exclusively for Springfield municipal jail, police, and court services only.

You may be thinking, "Didn't I already vote on this?" A common misconception is the Public Safety levy voted on during the Lane County elections is used to fund Springfield's jail, police, and court services. It is not. That levy is for the county's services only.

You may also be thinking, "Why is the levy increasing?" Longevity and performance must be reflected in the pay and benefits of quality, long-term employees who help meet and exceed our community's crime reduction goals. Additionally, Springfield now houses its own female inmates, and as a result, has created the need for more jail staff. Housing females will reduce the crime rate exponentially as there was previously little to no recourse for the female criminal element in this area.

The citizens of Springfield have voted yes to renew the levy every election, and this year should be no different. We are excited to see how the Springfield municipal jail, police, and court continue to find ways to improve operations and reduce crime. Reducing crime is a community effort, and voting yes is our way of backing Springfield's finest so they can continue improving our municipal justice system.

*Paid for by Springfield Neighborhood Watch  
Board of Directors*

*Statement of Endorsement by  
April Johnson, Board Chair  
Springfield Neighborhood Watch  
Board of Directors*

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Since the Springfield Jail opened in 2010, there has been a reduction in criminal activity of 30%. We are the envy of most cities in the state. Our jail just completed the conversion of 16 cells to hold women. Previously, women were not held but promised to appear at their court date and many didn't. Now we are able to hold those women until they appear before a judge and everyone is treated equally under the law.

There may be added benefit: crime rates will decline from the already impressive figure of 30%.

Keep Springfield safe and vote YES on Measure 20-273.

*Paid for by Steve Moe and Carolyn Miller*

*Statement of Endorsement by  
Steve Moe*

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Springfield takes its public safety seriously. We believe in law and order and want our community to be safe and healthy. That's why we have come together over the years to invest in our police officers and to build the largest municipal jail in the state.

Measure 20-273 is a continuation of this legacy of support for our jail and police services. With a minimal estimated \$18 a year increase on property taxes, this measure will continue to:

- Fully fund the 100-bed Springfield Municipal Jail operations, housing both male and female offenders.
- Fund about 40 jail, police and court positions, including: 19 jail staff, 8 officers, 5 dispatchers, 5 community service officers, 2 records/call-taker specialists, 2 court clerks.
- Maintain current levels of levy funded jail and police services.

Our jail has been a success!

- Since the jail opened in 2010, property crimes have been reduced by over 30 percent
- In 2009, failure to appear instances in municipal court were 61 percent. Because of the jail, that rate dropped to 27 percent in 2016.
- Lodging of offenders in the Springfield Municipal Jail has also reduced police officer transport and booking time, which has increased police officers availability for patrol and emergency response.
- The jail also deters crime with a no-frills policy. Inmates wear orange jump suits, and have no TV or weight room.

Vote YES on Measure 20-273 for Springfield!

For more information see us on facebook at Yeson20-273.

*Paid for by Yes on 20-273 for Springfield*

