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SPRINGFIELD BALLOT MEASURE 20-273 VOTER INFORMATION



Five-Year Levy for Springfield Municipal Jail Operations & Police Services

Ballot Measure 20-273 proposes a five-year levy of \$1.40 per \$1,000 assessed value beginning in July 2018 for Springfield Municipal Jail operations and police services. This levy replaces the current levy, which is set to expire in June 2018. If passed, measure 20-273 would allow the City to continue funding Springfield Municipal Jail and Springfield Police services for the next five years.

Election Calendar

- October 17, 2017 - Voter Registration Deadline
- October 19, 2017 - Ballots Mailed; Official Drop Sites Open
- November 7, 2017 - Election Day



Background

Springfield voters first passed a police services levy in 2002 and renewed it 2006 and 2012. The current \$1.28 levy expires in June 2018.

The levy provides full funding for municipal 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.

The 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.

Ballot Measure 20-273

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.

Details & Summary of Measure 20-273

If renewed, this levy would continue to maintain Springfield Municipal Jail operations and enhanced police service levels for the next five years. Funding generated from this levy can only be used for jail, police, and court services. This levy would replace the current levy, which expires June 2018.

Passage of this measure would allow the City to continue to fully fund the 100-bed Springfield Municipal Jail.

It would also continue to fund about 40 positions that include police officers, detention officers, community service officers, dispatchers, call takers, and municipal court operations. If the levy is renewed, it would maintain current police service levels including faster response times for emergency and non-emergency calls for service.

More information about the levy is available at springfield-or.gov under the "Proposed Measure 20-273" link.

Levy Rate

If passed, measure 20-273 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 current levy and reflects estimated costs of materials, services and personnel through the five-year period.

The levy is based upon assessed value, not market value. It would cost an average homeowner \$202 per year in estimated taxes, which is approximately \$18 more per year over the current levy rate. If the levy does not pass, there would be no continued levy dedicated to Springfield jail and police services. Springfield residents would see an average reduction in taxes of \$184 annually after the current levy sunsets in June 2018.

Measure 20-273 will raise approximately \$6.6 million in 2018-19, \$6.8 million in 2019-20, \$7 million in 2020-21, \$7.3 million in 2021-22, and \$7.5 million in 2022-23 for a total of about \$35.2 million.

Election Information

Springfield residents can register to vote online at www.oregonvotes.gov, at Lane County Elections, or at some state agencies such as the Department of Motor Vehicles.

A completed voter registration card must be postmarked or delivered to Lane County Elections by October 17, 2017. If registering online, it must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. on October 17, 2017.

**IF PASSED, 5-YEAR
LEVY WOULD:**

**DIRECTLY FUND
MUNICIPAL JAIL,
POLICE, & COURT
SERVICES ONLY**

**FUND 100-BED
MUNICIPAL JAIL
OPERATIONS**

**MAINTAIN
EMERGENCY &
NON-EMERGENCY
POLICE SERVICES &
FASTER RESPONSE
TIMES**

**SINCE JAIL OPENED,
PROPERTY CRIMES
HAVE BEEN REDUCED
BY 31 PERCENT**