

# MEASURE #20-254

## MARIJUANA RETAILERS' TAX



If passed, this measure imposes a 3% tax on the sale of marijuana items sold within the City of Springfield by retailers.

If this ballot measure passes, it would enact an ordinance approved by the Springfield City Council imposing a 3% tax on the sale of recreational marijuana and recreational marijuana-infused products in OLCC-licensed outlets in the city.

**Background:** The voters of the State of Oregon in November 2014 approved ballot measure 91, legalizing the possession, cultivation and sale of marijuana by adults aged 21 and older.

The Oregon Legislature in 2015 approved House Bill 2041 imposing a state tax of 17% on recreational marijuana sales effective January 1, 2017 and giving Oregon cities the right to impose a sales tax of up to 3% on the sale of recreational marijuana and marijuana-infused products by OLCC-licensed retail outlets, if such tax is approved by the voters in a general election. This tax revenue, if approved, would go into the City's General Fund, which pays for a variety of services through the city. These taxes apply only to recreational marijuana and not to medical marijuana, which is sold in dispensaries licensed by the Oregon Health Authority.

It is unknown how much money would be generated by a local marijuana tax, as the tax is dependent on the number of licensed retail outlets in Springfield, the price of the marijuana sold and the volume of sales.

### Result of a "NO" vote

If this measure does not pass, Springfield will not impose a tax on the sale of recreational marijuana and recreational marijuana-infused products at OLCC-licensed retail outlets in the City at this time.

This information was reviewed by the Oregon Secretary of State's Office for compliance with ORS 260.432.

ELECTION DAY:  
NOVEMBER 8, 2016

TAX IS ON  
RECREATIONAL  
MARIJUANA ONLY

IF THIS MEASURE  
DOES NOT PASS,  
SPRINGFIELD WOULD  
NOT IMPOSE TAXES  
ON THE SALE OF  
RECREATIONAL  
MARIJUANA

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