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SPRINGFIELD

PROPOSED BALLOT MEASURE 20-327



IF PASSED WOULD RENEW 5-YEAR LOCAL OPTION LEVY FOR JAIL & POLICE SERVICES

Ballot Measure 20-327 proposes renewal of a five-year levy of \$1.40 per \$1,000 of assessed value beginning in July 2023 for Springfield's municipal jail and required medical and mental health services, police, support personnel, and municipal court operations. If passed, the levy would be a renewal and replace the current levy, which is set to expire in June 2023.

ELECTION INFORMATION

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8, 2022 with ballots due by 8 pm.
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Ballot Measure 20-327
Shall Springfield levy \$1.40 per \$1,000 assessed valuation for five years beginning 2023/24 for Springfield jail operations and police services? This measure renews current local option taxes.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED MEASURE 20-327

Springfield voters first passed a police services levy in 2002 and passed police services levies in 2006, 2012 and 2017. The current \$1.40 per \$1,000 of assessed value levy expires in June 2023. If the proposed levy is renewed, the rate would remain the same at \$1.40 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

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SPRINGFIELD MUNICIPAL JAIL OPERATIONS

Springfield's 98 bed municipal jail provides safe and secure detention of pre-sentenced and sentenced adults in custody for misdemeanor crimes such as property theft. Lodging of adults in custody in the Springfield Municipal Jail has reduced police officer transport and booking time, which has increased police officer availability for patrol and emergency response.

Since the jail opened, the number of property crimes in Springfield has decreased 52%. During the last five years of operation the jail maintained an average population of 41 inmates per day, including reduced capacity during COVID-19 restrictions. If passed, measure 20-327 would continue to provide funding for jail operations including required medical and mental health services.

POLICE SERVICES

Police services that would be provided by proposed measure 20-327 include funding for about 40 positions including uniformed officers, community service officers, detention officers, dispatchers, call takers, and record clerks.

If passed, the levy would fund efforts 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. The levy would also fund efforts to focus on specific neighborhood patrols and community engagement efforts.



SPRINGFIELD MUNICIPAL COURT

The current levy has funded 38 percent of Springfield Municipal Court operations, including two court clerks. In 2009, failure to appear instances in Springfield Municipal Court were 61 percent. Since the jail opened in 2010, that rate has dropped to 44 percent. Levy funding of Springfield Municipal Court operations has improved efficiency in the court process, increasing the number of cases settled to 85 percent within 90 days.



IF PASSED, THE PROPOSED LEVY WOULD:

- *Maintain improved response times for emergency and non-emergency police services by funding lodging of adults in custody at the Springfield Municipal Jail*
- *Maintain municipal jail, police, and court services by funding roughly 40 positions*
- *Provide required medical and mental health services to adults in custody*
- *Maintain efficiency in municipal court process for misdemeanor cases and reduce failures to appear by funding 38% of court operations*
- *Maintain response to, and reduction of, property crimes as seen in the 52 % reduction in such crimes since the jail opened*



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Information about the proposed levy is available at springfield-or.gov under the "Measure 20-327" banner.



PROPOSED LEVY RATE

If passed, proposed measure 20-327 would renew the levy at the same rate of \$1.40 per \$1,000 of assessed value for five years beginning in July 2023. The proposed levy would be a renewal of the current levy and reflects estimated costs of materials, services, and personnel through the five-year period.

The proposed levy is based upon assessed value, not market value. Based on an average assessed home value of \$170,000, it would cost an average homeowner approximately \$238 per year, or about \$19.83 per month, in estimated taxes. If passed, the proposed rate would raise approximately \$7,008,717 in 2023/24, \$7,231,429 in 2024/25, \$7,460,822 in 2025/26, \$7,697,097 in 2026/27, and \$7,940,459 in 2027/28, for a total of \$37,338,524.

If the proposed levy does not pass, Springfield jail operations, police services, and municipal court operations would not be provided as proposed, and the current tax of \$1.40 per \$1,000 of assessed value would expire in June 2023.