



August 4, 2016

Board of County Commissioners  
Clackamas County

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Resolution Referring the Ballot Measure Renewing the Current County  
Sheriff's Public Safety Local Option Levy to the County Clerk for Publication  
And Placement on the November 8, 2016 Ballot

<b>Purpose/Outcomes</b>	Refer ballot measure to County Clerk for publication
<b>Dollar Amount and Fiscal Impact</b>	Revenues of approximately \$65 million over the course of five years
<b>Funding Source</b>	Property Tax Funded Local Option Levy – 24.8 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value
<b>Duration</b>	Five years, from 2017-2022
<b>Previous Board Action</b>	The Board has referred the Public Safety Local Option Levy has been referred to the voters in 2006 and 2011.
<b>Strategic Plan Alignment</b>	Ensure safe, healthy and secure communities Build public trust through good government
<b>Contact Person</b>	Stephen L. Madkour, County Counsel

**BACKGROUND:**

On November 7, 2006 Clackamas County voters approved a five-year Public Safety Local Option Levy in the amount of \$0.248 per \$1,000 of assessed value. In 2011, the levy was referred to the voters and was renewed.

The revenues raised by the levy are targeted towards:

1. Maintaining 84 Jail Beds and 30 Corrections Deputies;
2. Maintaining 18 Sheriff's Patrol Deputies and nine Detectives; and
3. Continue Expanded Drug Enforcement Program to combat methamphetamine abuse, property crimes, identity theft, child abuse and child neglect.

The proposed measure seeks a renewal for an additional five years, until 2022, allowing the Sheriff's Office to continue the programs and functions made possible by the original 2006 Local Option Levy and renewed by the 2011 levy.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff respectfully requests that the Board of County Commissioners adopt the attached Resolution Referring the Ballot Measure Renewing the Current County Sheriff's Public Safety Local Option Levy to the County Clerk for publication and placement on the November 8, 2016 ballot.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen L. Madkour  
County Counsel

In the Matter of Referring a  
Ballot Measure Renewing the  
Current County Sheriff Public  
Safety Local Option Levy

Resolution No.

**WHEREAS**, in 2006 the voters of Clackamas County approved the Public Safety Option Levy for a duration of 5 years. In 2011 the voters approved the renewal of that same levy. The levy is now scheduled to expire in 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the continuation of the services provided from the revenues raised from the levy, which are estimated to be \$11 million annually, are of critical importance to the public's safety in Clackamas County; and

**WHEREAS**, the existing Public Safety Local Option Levy can be renewed for a period of five years from 2017-2022 without an increase in taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, the voters of Clackamas County should be allowed to vote on renewal of the Public Safety Option Levy during the November 2016 election.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS that:**

1. A Ballot Measure is hereby referred to the voters of Clackamas County regarding the renewal of the current County Sheriff public safety local option levy substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A and related explanatory statement, subject to ministerial correction by staff.
2. An election shall be held in Clackamas County on Tuesday, November 8, 2016.
3. The County hereby authorizes the Chair, the County Administrator, and County Counsel or their designees to submit, sign, and otherwise take all necessary action to effectuate the foregoing and to file the ballot title with the County Clerk for publication.

**DATED** this 4th day of August, 2016.

**CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Chair

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Recording Secretary

## BALLOT TITLE

### **CAPTION (10 Words):**

Renewal of Current County Sheriff Public Safety Local Option Levy

### **QUESTION (20 Words):**

Shall Clackamas County fund law enforcement; maintain rate of 24.8 cents per \$1,000 assessed value for five years beginning 2017-2022? This measure renews current local option taxes.

### **SUMMARY (175 Words):**

This measure does not increase taxes. It renews the expiring Public Safety Levy approved by voters in 2011. Renewing the existing levy will allow the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office to:

- Maintain funding for 84 jail beds opened since the initial passage of the levy and 30 jail deputies. This has reduced the number of prisoners released early into the community.
- This measure would continue funding for approximately 18 sheriff's patrol deputies and nine detectives that help keep neighborhoods and communities safe in every part of Clackamas County.
- Continue Sheriff's expanded drug enforcement program to arrest drug traffickers and those involved in drug-related crimes such as identity theft, property crimes, child abuse, and child neglect. Levy support has allowed the Sheriff's office enhanced drug enforcement program to take numerous children into protective custody.

This measure would cost 24.8 cents per \$1000 of assessed value. The cost would be approximately \$4.13 per month, or \$49.56 per year, on a \$200,000 home. It is estimated the proposed rate would raise \$11.88 million in 2017-18, \$12.35 million in 2018-19, \$12.85 million in 2019-20, \$13.36 million in 2020-21, and \$13.89 million in 2021-22.

**CLACKAMAS COUNTY EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR VOTERS' PAMPHLET  
FOR RENEWAL OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY LOCAL OPTION LEVY**

Passage of this measure would renew the existing Public Safety Local Option Levy approved by the voters in 2011, began in 2012 and set to expire in 2017.

A yes vote on Measure X-XXX would not increase taxes.

A yes vote on Measure X-XXX would:

- Maintain 84 jail beds and 30 jail deputies;
- Retain approximately 18 Sheriff's patrol deputies and nine detectives; and
- Continue the Sheriff's expanded drug enforcement program.

The renewed levy is limited to the five-year fiscal period from 2017 through 2022. Future renewals of this levy would not occur without voter approval. The money raised by this measure must be used exclusively for the law enforcement purposes stated in the Ballot Title.

The revenues generated by this measure would:

Maintain 84 jail beds in the Clackamas County Jail that were opened since the initial passage of the levy. Funding for these 84 jail beds has reduced the number of prisoners released early into the community.

Maintain funding for approximately 18 Sheriff's patrol deputies, nine detectives and 30 jail deputies.

Continue Sheriff's expanded drug enforcement program to arrest drug traffickers and those involved in drug-related crimes such as identity theft, property crimes, child abuse, and child neglect.

A no vote on Measure X-XXX would:

- Close 84 jail beds;
- Increase the number of prisoners released early into the community;
- Eliminate approximately 57 Sheriff's deputies;
- Eliminate Sheriff's expanded drug enforcement program.

This measure would cost 24.8 cents per \$1000 of assessed value. The cost would be approximately \$4.13 per month, or \$49.56 per year, on a \$200,000 home. It is estimated the proposed rate would raise \$11.88 million in 2017-18, \$12.35 million in 2018-19, \$12.85 million in 2019-20, \$13.36 million in 2020-21, and \$13.89 million in 2021-22.

Explanatory Statement Furnished by Clackamas County Board of Commissioners

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Authorized Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2017