

Request for Ballot Title

Preparation or Publication of Notice

No later than the **80th day before an election**, a governing body that has referred a measure must prepare and file with the local elections official the text of the referral for ballot title preparation or the ballot title for publication of notice of receipt of ballot title. This form may be used to file the text of the referral and request the elections official begin the ballot title drafting process or file a ballot title and request the elections official publish notice of receipt of ballot title.

Filing Information

Election Date

November 4, 2025

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Referral Information

Title, Number or other Identifier

Replacement Levy to Support Countywide Library Services

This Filing is For
☐ Drafting of Ballot Title Attach referral text.

☒ Publication of Notice Ballot title below.

Ballot Title Additional requirements may apply

Caption 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure.

Replacement Levy to Support Countywide Library Services

Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.

Shall Washington County support library services countywide by levying 37¢ per \$1,000 assessed value for five years, beginning in 2026? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.

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- Reading and learning support for kids and teens, including homework help for students.
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- Open hours and access to books and materials for everyone in the community.
- Children's reading events including story times for babies, toddlers and preschoolers.

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Estimated levy amount for each year:

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 \$36,180,110 in 2027-2028
 \$37,717,765 in 2028-2029
 \$39,320,770 in 2029-2030
 \$40,991,902 in 2030-2031

By signing this document:

→ I hereby state that I am authorized by the county or city governing body, or district elections authority to submit this Request for Ballot Title – Preparation or Publication of Notice.

Signature

6/27/2025

Date Signed

Washington County
Library Levy Replacement 2025
Ballot Title

Caption [7/10 words]:

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Question [20/20 words]:

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