

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 Local Option Levy for Countywide Public Safety 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 Local Option Levy for Countywide Public Safety Services

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

Shall Washington County enhance public safety services by levying 66¢ 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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- Investigating and prosecuting theft, car theft, break-ins and graffiti.
- Prosecuting child abuse and child pornography cases.
- Preventing domestic violence and expanding emergency assistance for victims harmed by it.
- Combating the impact of deadly drugs like fentanyl and dismantling drug trafficking organizations.
- Fully funding the jail to keep those with more dangerous charges in court-ordered custody.
- Preventing crime with mental health response teams, job training, employment and addiction services to keep youth and adults from returning to the justice system.

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The replaced levy would set a fixed rate of 66¢ per \$1,000 of assessed value, an increase of 19¢. In 2026, typical homeowners with an assessed value (not market value) of \$348,600 would pay about \$230, or \$6 more per month.

Estimated levy amount for each year:

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\$64,537,493 in 2027-2028

\$67,280,337 in 2028-2029

\$70,139,751 in 2029-2030

\$73,120,691 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
Public Safety Levy Replacement
Ballot Title

Caption:

Replacement Local Option Levy for Countywide Public Safety Services (9/10)

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