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Washington County

voters' pamphlet



**VOTE-BY-MAIL
ELECTION**

SEPTEMBER 16, 2003

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by 8:00 pm on
SEPTEMBER 16, 2003**

Washington County Board of County Commissioners

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Dear Voter:

This pamphlet contains information for several districts and there may be candidates/measures included that are not on your ballot. If you have any questions, call 503-846-5800.

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CITY OF BANKS

Measure No. 34-69

BALLOT TITLE

LEVY TO MAINTAIN CURRENT LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

QUESTION: Shall City continue existing levy at \$1.80 per assessed thousand for five years beginning in fiscal year 2004-2005 to maintain police services? This measure may cause property tax to raise more than 3%.

SUMMARY: This measure may be passed only at an election with at least 50% voter turnout. The City Council unanimously recommended this measure being placed on the September ballot. In 1998, the citizens/voters established funding via a levy of \$1.80 per assessed thousand each year for (5) years to provide police services. This measure continues that existing levy. If you received this ballot, those services are for you. Those police services include three full time positions that respond to 911 calls, work in crime prevention, work with youth and school programs, do traffic enforcement, investigate violent crimes, theft burglary, domestic violence, drug crimes, drunk driving, neighborhood nuisances and disturbances. This measure will not cause a tax rate increase. The potential total amount of the (5) year levy is estimated at \$525,000. The estimated tax rate effect is \$180.00 per year for a home with an assessed property value of \$100,000. The estimated tax revenue the City will receive is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the total value of the City and the best information available from the County Assessor at the time of the estimate.

This levy won a majority voter support in May, but could not be put into effect because of inadequate voter turnout.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Why is this levy proposed?

It gives the City residents the option to maintain current local law enforcement services by renewing a voter approved five year levy that expires in 2008.

Who is served by the City's police department?

If you received this ballot, the City's police serve you. The number of people served has increased by approximately 60% since 1998.

How are police services funded?

This five year voter approved levy (\$1.80 per \$1,000 assessed value) funds 44% of the police services. Voters previously approved this same levy in 1998. Other police resource funding comes from the City's general fund.

Does the levy increase the number of staff?

No. The levy maintains existing staffing and services; it does not provide for any new positions.

What impact would the levy have on a homeowner's property tax?

The replacement levy is estimated to average \$1.80 per \$1,000 assessed value. It renews the prior levy of \$1.80 per \$1,000 assessed value. If approved, owners of a home would see the following estimated annual impact:

\$100,000 assessed home	$\$1.80 \times \$100,000 =$	\$180.00
\$150,000 assessed home	$\$1.80 \times \$150,000 =$	\$270.00

What happens if the levy is not renewed?

If the replacement levy is not approved, the City's police department would be unable to continue. The City's police services could not continue if 44% of its funding was discontinued.

When would this renewed levy first appear on the property tax bill?

The property tax bill due in November 2004 would include this levy. This levy would not increase the tax rate from the current rate.

Submitted by:
Robert C. Orlowski
Mayor of City of Banks

NO ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST
THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

Measure No. 34-70

BALLOT TITLE

FIVE-YEAR LEVY TO PROVIDE CITY PARK MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS

QUESTION: Shall the City levy local option taxes at \$.75 per thousand for five years to begin in 2004-2005 to provide a citywide source of funds for park maintenance and improvements? [This measure may cause property taxes to increase by more than three (3) percent].

SUMMARY: The City Council unanimously recommended this measure to be placed on the ballot. This measure will authorize the City to levy for money to meet the maintenance needs of the Banks City parks without private funding. It will also allow for the potential improvements such as play structures and other recreational improvements to all City parks. The levy is \$.75 per \$1,000 assessed value. For each \$100,000 in home value, you will pay \$6.25 per month.

The City has needed a predictable citywide public revenue source to provide funds to cover the basic park maintenance including mowing, litter removal, landscaping, equipment repair, and cleaning for all city parks. The levy funds will provide those funds for basic park maintenance and allow the possible addition of play structures or other improvements to all City parks.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Why is this levy proposed? Taking care of the City's parks and providing recreational facilities for the citizens of Banks is an important citywide job. Everybody's job. If enacted, this measure would generate \$232,500 over the next five years to be used for ongoing park maintenance and improvement. There is a need to improve the parks to better serve the children, teens and families of our community by installing equipment that could provide more recreational options. Passing this levy will address this need.

What does the levy cost? The levy will cost an additional \$.75 cents per \$1,000 of assessed home value in property taxes. The money can only be used for purposes stated in the ballot language.

Who are served by the Banks City Parks? The Banks City Parks serves all members of the Banks community. This levy may allow those parks to better serve the needs of the families in the community. In the modern era of small residential lot sizes, the availability of quality community park facilities has increased in importance.

When would this renewed levy first appear on the property tax bill? The property tax bill due in November 2004 would include this levy.

Submitted by:
Robert C. Orlowski
Mayor of City of Banks

NO ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST
THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

CITY OF KING CITY

Measure No. 34-68

BALLOT TITLE

KING CITY WATER UTILITY USER FEE

QUESTION: Shall King City impose a utility user fee on water customers for city purposes?

SUMMARY: Ordinance 0-03-03 creates a new Chapter 3.04 in the King City Code. It imposes a utility user fee on City customers of the Tigard Water District. The fee would be listed on monthly water bills as a separate "utility user fee". The initial fee rate would be \$1.42 per 100 cubic feet. Revenues from the fee would be used for City General Fund purposes. The initial annual fee revenue is estimated at \$197,500.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

On May 7, 2003, the City Council for the City of King City enacted ordinance number 0-03-03 establishing a Water Utility User Fee on all customers served by the Tigard Water District living within the boundaries of the City.

The fee shall be at a uniform rate on all accounts with the amount charged based on the metered water volume usage at each account.

The initial rate for the fee shall be \$1.42 per one hundred cubic feet of water used. This rate may be adjusted or eliminated by the Council by passing a separate resolution.

The monies generated by the fee will be available in the City of King City's General Fund for use deemed appropriate by the City Council.

Submitted by:
Ron Shay
City Councilor

**NO ARGUMENTS AGAINST
THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.**

ARGUMENT FOR

The tax levy rate for the City of King City is one of the lowest property tax rates in Oregon. Since it is not possible, because of state laws, to increase this rate, the city council is requesting that a water user fee be instituted to alleviate the difference between the city's income and rising costs. Unlike the unchangeable property tax, a fee based on the amount of water usage allows the home owner to have some control of the amount paid through conservation.

Annexation and the addition of 340+ new homes will eventually increase our tax base, but until these new developments are in place, those additional resources are not available. The city needs additional revenues not only to maintain the quality of services its citizens are accustomed to receiving but must be prepared to pay the additional policing and planning costs for our new growth areas.

Police protection, maintaining and repairing our infrastructure, and planning for the future growth are priorities that we must prepare for now.

- Your YES vote will allow the city to continue to improve our local police protection.
- Your YES vote will maintain the services expected by our citizens i.e., lights, signs, and maintenance of our streets, and the continued support for the City Hall staff.
- Your YES vote will provide funds to improve communication with the citizens of King City and the city government.
- Your YES vote will allow the city to be prepared for contingencies such as flooding, snow removal, or major street damage.
- Your YES vote will help the city be progressive in planning for the future.

Help King City maintain the pleasant way of life that we have enjoyed. Be proactive and progressive---vote YES on Measure 34-68.

Submitted by:
Nancy E. Duthie
King City Citizens for Progress

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BALLOT DROP SITES

Ballots must be received by 8:00 p.m. Election Day,
September 16, 2003



Washington County 24 hour drop slots

155 N 1st Avenue
Hillsboro
Rear entrance of the Public Services Building (1st and Main)

3700 SW Murray Blvd
Beaverton
Front Lobby (Murray and Millikan)

Ballots for the September 16, 2003 Special Election may be deposited at any of the following locations.
Phone numbers are provided to confirm the hours.



Beaverton Library
12375 SW 5th Street
Phone: 503-644-2197

Cedar Mill Library
12505 NW Cornell Rd
Phone: 503-644-0043

Forest Grove Library
2114 Pacific Avenue
Phone: 503-992-3247

Tanasbourne Library
2453 NW 185th Avenue
Phone: 503-615-6500

West Slope Library
3678 SW 78th Avenue
Phone: 503-292-6416



King City – City Hall
15300 SW 116th Avenue
Phone: 503-639-4082

Sherwood City Hall
20 NW Washington Street
Phone: 503-625-5522

Tigard City Hall
13125 SW Hall Blvd.
Phone: 503-639-4171

**Tualatin City Offices /
Library Building**
18880 SW Martinazzi Avenue
Phone: 503-692-2000