

Washington County Measure No. _____

Ballot Title

Caption:

Replacement Local Option Levy to Maintain Enhanced Sheriff, Police Response (10/10 words)

Question:

Shall Patrol District maintain current level of police services by levying 83¢ per \$1,000 AV for five years, beginning 2023-2024? (20/20 words) This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

Summary Statement:

This levy would maintain current service levels within the Patrol District by replacing a local option levy expiring June 2023. Replacing this levy would help fund:

- A rapid response to 911 calls in nearly half the time of the national average.
- The county's Mental Health Response Team – which pairs a deputy and clinician to respond to people in crisis and divert them from the criminal justice system.
- Advanced training in crisis intervention and de-escalation for deputies to use when working with individuals experiencing a mental health crisis.
- Deputies connecting people experiencing homelessness with community resources.
- A public safety response to increased overdoses and abuse of Xanax, OxyContin, Fentanyl and other drugs in the community.
- Policing service levels similar to those in neighboring cities and including expected population growth.

The replacement levy would fund District police services at a fixed tax rate of 83¢ per \$1,000 assessed value, which is an increase of 15¢ over the current rate or \$55 more per year for a home assessed at \$320,655. (Assessed value is different than market value).

Estimated revenues for each year of levy:

\$20,670,200 in 2023-2024

\$21,600,400 in 2024-2025

\$22,518,400 in 2025-2026

\$23,475,400 in 2026-2027

\$24,473,100 in 2027-2028

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