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3 **BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
4 **FOR POLK COUNTY, OREGON**
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6 In the matter of calling a Measure Election)
7 to submit a local option tax)
8 (public safety operating levy) measure)
9 to the voters of the County to re-authorize)
10 funding for public safety needs within)
11 Polk County)
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13 **RESOLUTION NO. 23-03**
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15 **WHEREAS**, the Polk County Board of Commissioners desires to submit a local option tax (public safety
16 operating levy) measure to the voters of the County to re-authorize funding for public safety needs; and
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18 **WHEREAS**, Polk County Board of Commissioners conducted a public hearing on February 8, 2023 regarding the
19 topic of the public safety levy. The hearing was properly published and the hearings were held and testimony was heard,
20 and that pursuant to provisions of ORS 280.060, the Board has the authority to impose a five-year local option tax in an
21 amount not to exceed \$0.495/\$1,000 assessed value upon authorization by the majority of the legal voters of Polk County
22 voting in the May 16, 2023, General Election, and that the Board finds that it would be in the best interests of the people of
23 Polk County to proceed immediately to place this matter on the General Election Ballot;
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25 **NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:**
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27 Section 1. That a measure election is hereby called to submit to the voters the ballot measure attached to this
28 Resolution as Exhibit "A." This ballot measure is for a five year local option tax for the purpose of re-authorizing funding
29 to the County's public safety departments. The estimated outlay is included in the attached Exhibit.
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31 Section 2. That the measure election shall be held in the County on Tuesday, May 16, 2023. As authorized by the
32 County Clerk of Polk County, Oregon and the Oregon Secretary of State, the election shall be conducted by mail as
33 provided by law.
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35 Section 3. That the County directs that there shall be delivered to the elections officer of Polk County, Oregon not
36 later than February 24, 2023 a Notice of Measure Election in substantially the form attached hereto, which by this
37 reference is incorporated herein by County staff and for staff to complete any other necessary paperwork to place the above
38 referenced local option tax upon the May 16, 2023 ballot.
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40 Dated this 22 day of February, 2023, at Dallas, Oregon.
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42 **POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
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47 Jeremy Gordon, Chair

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51 Lyle Mordhorst, Commissioner

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55 Craig Pope, Commissioner


49 Approved as to Form:
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53 Morgan Smith
54 County Counsel

Exhibit A

**NOTICE OF LOCAL OPTION TAX
POLK COUNTY, OREGON**

Notice is hereby given on Wednesday, February 8, 2023, that a measure election will be held in Polk County, Oregon on Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

The following shall be the ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the county's voters.

CAPTION: (10 words)

**POLK COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY
LOCAL OPTION TAX RE-AUTHORIZATION**

QUESTION: (20 words)

Shall Polk County re-authorize a five-year Public Safety local option tax of up to \$0.495/\$1,000 assessed value beginning 2023?

This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

SUMMARY: (175 words)

This measure re-authorizes Polk County to levy a five (5) year local option tax of up to \$0.495/\$1,000 assessed value beginning in 2023 for the purpose of providing funding to Public Safety (Sheriff-Patrol, Sheriff-Jail, District Attorney-Prosecution, Juvenile Detention, Court Security, and Community Service).

This re-authorization will be the second re-authorization of the original 2015 Public Safety Levy which re-established basic public safety service levels that primarily included 24 hour Sheriff's Patrol staffing and additional District Attorney Prosecution.

This re-authorization will eliminate the final year of the existing 2019 Public Safety Levy to ensure continuity of service by providing an additional five (5) years of funding, while increasing the levy amount from the current \$0.425/\$1,000 to \$0.495/\$1,000.

The re-authorization of this measure will impact a property with an Assessed Value of \$250,000 (not Real Market Value) by increasing your current property taxes from \$106.75 to a new amount of \$123.75, which has a net increase of taxes in the amount of \$17.50.

The \$0.495/\$1,000 local option tax will generate \$3,835,000 in 2023, \$3,989,000 in 2024, \$4,148,000 in 2025, \$4,314,000 in 2026, and \$4,487,000 in 2027 for a total of \$20,773,000. The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the County Assessor at the time of estimate and may reflect the impact of early payment discounts, compression, and the collection rate.

Request for Ballot Title

Preparation or Publication of Notice

SEL 805rev 08/21
OAR 165-014-0005

No later than the **81st 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

May 16, 2023

Authorized Official

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Referral Information

Title, Number or other Identifier

Polk County Public Safety Local Option Tax Re-authorization

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.

POLK COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY LOCAL OPTION TAX RE-AUTHORIZATION

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

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

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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

Date Signed

2-22-23