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SHERIFF'S OFFICE THREE YEAR SPLIT RATE LOCAL OPTION TAX

Question: Shall County levy \$1.34 city and \$2.52 rural per \$1,000 assessed value for Sheriff's Office for three years beginning 2015-2016?

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

Summary:

The proposed three year local option tax provides funding that can only be used for Sheriff's Office purposes. It will provide for jail operations and 24/7 patrol services. In addition, it will provide funding for:

Dispatch, 911, Criminal Investigations, Crime Prevention, Search & Rescue, Marine Patrol, Civil Process, Drug Enforcement/Prevention/Education, Traffic Safety, Adult Parole/Probation, Wild Land Fire/ Tsunami Evacuations and Emergency Services.

This measure proposes split rates. While the Sheriff's Office services benefit all residents, the taxpayers in Brookings, Gold Beach and Port Orford will pay a lower rate because cities fund police departments and patrol officers.

This proposed local option tax is estimated to raise \$5,240,000 in 2015-16, \$5,400,000 in 2016-17, and \$5,560,000 in 2017-18.

Tax cost's for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based upon the best information available from the County Assessor at the time of the estimate.

The Board of Commissioners will annually review this tax, considering any Federal Safety Net payments received, in consultation with the Sheriff's Citizens Advisory Group for recommendations on reducing future amounts levied.

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CURRY, OREGON

In the Matter of an Order)
Directing that an Election Be)
Conducted on May 19, 2015,) ORDER NO. _____
Relating to a Three Year)
Local Option Tax for Sheriff's)
Office Purposes)

WHEREAS, a group of concerned citizens (Sheriff's Citizens Advisory Group) requested that the Board of Curry County Commissioners (Board), through the Curry County Sheriff, place a measure before the voters that would allow funding of Sheriff's Office services to the public; and

WHEREAS, the goal of these concerned citizens is to provide for permanent funding through a Sheriff's Office Special Law Enforcement District; and

WHEREAS, the timing to a permanent Sheriff's Office Special Law Enforcement District is expected to take up to three years; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that a three year tax should be submitted to the qualified voters of Curry County, as requested by the Sheriff's Citizens Advisory Group, and as established by Article XI, Section 11, of the Oregon Constitution in order to permit the ongoing operation of the Curry County Sheriff's Office;; and

WHEREAS, the Board agrees that adequate and stable funding to maintain Sheriff's Office services is necessary and in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, without additional funding, the County's expected annual discretionary resources of approximately \$2.1 million will not sustain county services; and

WHEREAS, the Board, per the recommendation of the Sheriff's Citizen Advisory Group, has determined that a split tax with \$1.34 per \$1,000 of assessed value levied within the incorporated cities of Brookings, Gold Beach and Port Orford, and \$2.52 per \$1,000 of assessed value levied in the

remaining unincorporated areas of Curry County, Oregon, to maintain adequate Sheriff's Office services to the residents of Curry County; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to submit the question authorizing a three year split rate tax to the registered voters of Curry County, Oregon.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF CURRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEREBY ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) An election shall be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2015, to establish a three year local option tax in the amount of \$1.34 per \$1000 assessed value levied within the incorporated cities of Brookings, Gold Beach, and Port Orford, and \$2.52 per \$1,000 of assessed value levied in the remaining unincorporated areas of Curry County, Oregon. This is estimated to raise \$5,240,000 in 2015-16, \$5,400,000 in 2016-17, and \$5,560,000 in 2017-18. The funding would only be used to provide for Sheriff's Office services.
- 2) A proposed county measure for an election on May 19, 2015, in compliance with ORS 280.070 and ORS 280.075 is attached to, and made part of this order.
- 3) The Chair of the Board of Curry County Commissioners is authorized to sign such forms and documents as are necessary to place this measure on the May 19, 2015 election ballot.
- 4) This order delegates to the County Clerk the authority to publish Notice of Receipt of Ballot Title. After the review period is complete, the Chair of the Board of Commissioners will file a SEL 801 with the County Clerk, and a County Measure Number will be assigned.

DATED this 18th day of February, 2015.

BOARD OF CURRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Susan Brown, Chair

Approved as to Form:

Thomas Huxley, Vice Chair

M. Gerard Herbage
Curry County Legal Counsel

David Brock Smith, Commissioner