

**Notice of Measure Election**  
City

**Measure 5-298**

Assigned 2/13/2024

May 21, 2024 Oregon Primary Election

**SEL 802**

18 ORS 250.035, 250.041,  
50.285, 254.095, 254.465

**Notice**

**Date of Notice**

February 13, 2024

**Name of City or Cities**

St. Helens

**Date of Election**

May 21, 2024

**Final Ballot Title** The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the city's voters. The ballot title notice has been published and the ballot title challenge process has been completed.

**Caption** 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure.

Creation of Police Protection Services Staff Funding Local Option Tax

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

Shall City assess five-year operating levy for police at rate of \$0.69 Per \$1,000 assessed value beginning 2024-2025? 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.

The City's current tax revenues cannot support quantity of officers needed to protect and serve our city.

The City will use the levy to create an Enhanced Law Enforcement Operating Fund. This will be used exclusively for increasing law enforcement presence throughout St. Helens and increasing police officer presence within the city. This fund would add four additional officers, necessary equipment, necessary training, and enable the police to continue to provide 24/7 law enforcement coverage in St. Helens as well as reduce response times.

In order to provide these basic services, the City is requesting a new five-year levy at a rate of \$0.69 Per \$1,000 assessed property value. The City will use the tax revenue from this measure to fund additional police officers.

The levy will raise approximately \$802,077 in 2024-25; \$834,087 in 2025-26; \$867,451 in 2026-27; \$902,149 in 2027-28; and \$938,235 in 2028-29. The levy would then expire.

For a home assessed value of \$200,000 the annual cost of this levy would be an estimated \$138 per year.

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 the estimate and may reflect the impact of early payment discounts, compression, and the collection rate.

**Explanatory Statement** 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect.

If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be drafted and attached to this form for:

→ any measure referred by the city governing body; or

→ any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.

**Explanatory Statement Attached?**

Yes

No

**Authorized City Official** Not required to be notarized.

**Name**

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**Title**

City Administrator

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*By signing this document:*

→ I hereby state that I am authorized by the city to submit this Notice of Measure Election; and

→ I certify that notice of receipt of ballot title has been published and the ballot title challenge process for this measure completed.

Signature



Date Signed

2/13/2024

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