

Measure 5-311

Assigned 3/19/2026

May 19, 2026 Primary Election

Notice of Measure Electic City

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Date of Notice

March 19, 2026

Name of City or Cities

St. Helens

Date of Election

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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 was published, and the ballot title challenge process is complete.

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

Fee for General Fund staffing, programs and services

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

Should City adopt fee of \$24.00 per month charged on utility accounts to fund General Fund staffing, programs, services?

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

Without increase in revenue, City will need to make significant reduction in service. With \$24.00 per month fee, City will still need to make some reduction to the below listed current services.

The proposed fee is charged per "equivalent dwelling unit" (EDU) on utility bill, starting July 1, 2026, expiring June 30, 2036, adjusted annually using CPI-U. Houses are one EDU; an apartment complex is based on number of apartments. An RV park is per hook up. An office is based on office space and meter.

Current General Fund services:

- City Hall: five (5) days / week
- Library: six (6) days / week
- Municipal Court: five (5) days / week
- Police: 24/7 coverage

Current General Fund Staffing:

- Police: 23, including thirteen (13) officers, four (4) sergeants, one (1) detective, one (1) lieutenant, one (1) Chief, three (3) administrative.
- Library: Six (6)
- Parks / Rec: Five and half (5.5)
- Community Development: Five (5)
- Administration: Ten and half (10.5), including City Administrator, City Recorder, HR, Finance, Communications, IT
- Municipal court: Two (2), excluding municipal judge, public defenders

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 written 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.

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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



3/19/2026

Date Signed