

NOTICE OF MEASURE ELECTION AND RECEIPT OF BALLOT TITLE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a ballot title for a measure referred by Columbia County has been filed with the Columbia County Clerk on July 29, 2026. The measure election will be conducted by mail and will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

The ballot title caption is: Columbia County Transient Lodging Tax Measure

Caption

Columbia County Transient Lodging Tax Measure

Question

Shall Columbia County implement a County-wide transient lodging tax to be paid by lodgers?

Summary

Columbia County proposes County-wide transient lodging tax which would be added to the retail price paid for lodging in hotels, motels, bed and breakfasts, RV parks, campgrounds, vacation rentals and other similar transient lodging facilities for stays less than 30 days.

For lodging in cities that collect a transient lodging tax, the County will charge 4% of the retail price. In unincorporated Columbia County and in cities that do not collect a transient lodging tax, the charge will be 13% of the retail price. Lodging operators and intermediaries, such as Airbnb, may retain a percentage of tax collections to cover their costs. 50% of the net County lodging tax will be dedicated for tourism promotion, tourism related facilities, and/or resilience grants for small businesses in the restaurant and lodging industry. The remaining 50% will be used to support County services. This measure is expected to raise approximately \$150,000 to \$300,000 annually. Upon approval of this measure, the County will implement the transient lodging tax by ordinance consistent with applicable statutes and administrative rules.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any elector may file a petition for review of this ballot title in the Columbia County Circuit Court no later than the seventh business day after the title was filed with the county clerk.

The challenger must notify the Columbia County Clerk's Office in writing not later than 5:00 p.m. on the next business day following the day the petition for review is filed (ORS 250.195). This notice is published pursuant to ORS 250.175(5) by Debbie Klug, Columbia County Clerk.