

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WILSONVILLE CALLING FOR A FIVE-YEAR LOCAL OPTION LEVY FOR CITY PUBLIC SAFETY, LIBRARY OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMS, AND PARKS AND TRAILS MAINTENANCE TO BE VOTED UPON AT A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 7, 2006.**

WHEREAS, the City provides police, library and parks and trail maintenance services principally from property taxes within the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, population increases and new business developments have generated an increase of more than 40 percent in police calls in the past five years creating a greater demand on limited resources; and

WHEREAS, the Wilsonville Public Library has quadrupled in size and has experienced a 50 percent increase in circulation since 2002 without corresponding increases to staffing and operation expenses; and

WHEREAS, the City has recently developed two new large parks with major water features (Town Center Park and Murase Plaza at North Memorial Park) each requiring a high level of maintenance; and

WHEREAS, with the development of the Villebois urban village comes a series of new parks and trails that will contribute greatly to the demands on city parks maintenance and thus more demands on limited resources; and

WHEREAS, new and enhanced trails have been built and more will be developed in the near future and will create new and increased demands for maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the City's General Fund annual receipts are not sufficient to meet the growing needs of police services, library operations and parks and trail maintenance; and

WHEREAS, ORS 280.060 provides that a levy of taxes outside the constitutional limitation is possible as long as it is approved by the voters and the tax amount or rate does not exceed five years for operational uses;


**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF WILSONVILLE RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

1. A Local Option Levy ballot measure is hereby called for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the City of Wilsonville a five-year Local Option Levy tax rate to be assessed outside of the constitutional permanent tax rate.


The tax rate proposed by the levy shall be \$0.58 (58 cents) per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. It is estimated the levy will raise \$1,320,000 in year one, \$1,447,000 in year two, \$1,569,000 in year three, \$1,680,000 in year four, and \$1,765,000 in year five. The levy will be in effect beginning with the 2007-08 Fiscal Year and first appear on tax statements for November 2007.

2. The election hereby called shall be held on November 7, 2006.
3. The election shall be conducted by mail ballot.
4. The City Recorder shall cause to be delivered to the Elections Officers of Clackamas and Washington Counties the attached Notice of Measure Election not later than September 7, 2006 which is the filing deadline for ballot measures for the November 7, 2006 general election.
5. The City Recorder shall give notice of the election by posting notice in three public places at least two weeks prior to the election.
6. The actual ballot title, which is marked "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein, is hereby adopted.
7. The Explanatory Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet, which is marked "Exhibit B" and incorporated herein, is hereby adopted.

ADOPTED by the Wilsonville City Council at a regular meeting thereof this 7th day of August, 2006 and filed with the Wilsonville City Recorder this same date.

  
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CHARLOTTE LEHAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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Sandra C. King, MMC, City Recorder

SUMMARY of Votes:

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| Mayor Lehan      | <u>Yes</u>     |
| Councilor Kirk   | <u>Yes</u>     |
| Councilor Holt   | <u>Yes</u>     |
| Councilor Knapp  | <u>Yes</u>     |
| Councilor Ripple | <u>Excused</u> |

**Notice of City Measure Election SEL 802**

(Rev. 01/06) ORS 250.035, 250.041, 250.275, 250.285, 254.095, 254.465

Name of City Wilsonville

Notice is hereby given that on November 7, 2006 a measure election will be held in the City of Wilsonville, Clackamas County, Oregon

The following shall be the ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the city's voters on this date: November 7, 2006

**CAPTION** 10 words [10]

Five-Year Local Option Levy for Public Safety, Library, and Parks

**QUESTION** 20 words [20]

Shall Wilsonville levy \$0.58/\$1,000 of assessed property value for five years beginning 2007-08 for police, library and parks maintenance services? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

**SUMMARY** 175 words [152]

The measure proposes a five-year local option levy to increase services and pay the cost of inflation for public safety, library operations and programs, and parks and trail maintenance. The measure would fund additional police officers, including patrol deputies and a school resource officer. The Wilsonville Public Library would use the funds from the levy to increase hours of operation, add programming for children, offer books on-line, and purchase circulation materials. The levy would also pay for increased maintenance needs due to new parks developed in the city and water features at Town Center Park and Murase Plaza at Memorial Park, as well as trail maintenance.

A home owner with a tax assessed value of \$250,000 would pay approximately \$145 the first year of the levy. The total amount estimated to be raised each fiscal year is:

- 2007-2008 \$1,320,000
- 2008-2009 \$1,447,000
- 2009-2010 \$1,569,000
- 2010-2011 \$1,680,000
- 2011-2012 \$1,765,000

**signature**

The following authorized city official hereby certifies the above ballot title is true and complete, which includes the completion of the ballot title challenge process.

Sandra C. King  
signature of authorized city official *not required to be notarized*  
Sandra C. King, MMC, City Recorder

8/9/06  
date signed

printed name of authorized city official title

**CLACKAMAS COUNTY  
EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR COUNTY VOTERS' PAMPHLET**

**ELECTION DATE:** November 7, 2006

**MEASURE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BALLOT TITLE CAPTION**

Five-Year Local Option Levy For Public Safety, Library, And Parks

**NAME OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTENT OF STATEMENT**

Arlene Loble

**NAME OF ORGANIZATION PERSON REPRESENTS, IF ANY**

City of Wilsonville

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Over the past decade, Wilsonville has been one of the fastest growing cities in the Portland region and in the state of Oregon. It has added thousands of new residents and greatly expanded the number of commercial and retail businesses, and realized substantial growth in employment. However, during this same period, the city has not sought a property tax increase to support this greater demand for programs and services.

The result is the city no longer has the capacity to pay for new or expanding programs or for costs of inflation and must either increase General Fund revenues or cut programs and services, which are already below levels needed to meet the rising demand for them. Public safety, the library, and parks and trails maintenance are the most impacted programs. For instance:

Calls for police services have increased 40% over the past five years. Yet, the city's number of police officers has not increased by the same level. Given this demand for police services and the anticipated continued strong growth in both residents and commercial businesses, the current General Fund budget would not be able to support any additional police officers without reducing or eliminating other city programs or services. If this measure is approved, the city would hire additional police officers, including patrol deputies and a school resource officer.

The Wilsonville Public Library is one of the busiest libraries in the state and has been recognized for its outstanding children's programming. The library quadrupled in size in 2002 and circulation has increased 50% during that time, but staffing levels and operational funds for the larger building remain the same as they were prior to expansion. Support for library operations comes from the city's General Fund and from Clackamas County, which has reduced its funding for the library by 19% since 2001-02. Future County funding is uncertain. The levy would allow the library to increase hours of operation, add programming for children, offer books on-line, purchase circulation materials and cover inflationary costs of operations.

In the past five years, the city has made large investments in several new city parks including three major water features at the Water Treatment Plant, Town Center Park and Murase Plaza,

and is constructing new and expanded trails. These parks and trails require maintenance not currently covered by the General Fund budget. Coupled with the overall rising use of parks by residents and additional park and open spaces under construction at Villebois and other areas, even greater levels of maintenance services will be necessary. The levy would fund these maintenance needs and support the investments taxpayers have made in its parks and trails.

This measure would levy \$0.58/\$1,000 of assessed property value for five years beginning 2007-08 to fund police, library and parks maintenance services. A homeowner with a tax assessed value of \$250,000 would pay approximately \$145 the first year of the levy. The average amount estimated to be raised each of the five years is approximately \$1.55 million.

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Word/number count total: 495

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**Signature of person responsible for content of statement**  
Arlene Loble, City Manager

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**Date**