# **RESOLUTION NO. 1239**

# A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A THREE-YEAR SERIAL LEVY FOR CITY LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES TO BE VOTED UPON AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD MARCH 12, 1996.

WHEREAS, the Wilsonville Budget Committee has recommended to the City Council that they call for a Special Election for a three-year tax rate serial levy of \$1.12 per \$1,000 outside of the City's tax base to replace one serial levy that expires June 30, 1996; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the tax levy is to provide police services to the City on a contract basis with Clackamas County Sheriff's Department; and

WHEREAS, at this election, Clackamas County will also have before the voters a renewal of a three-year serial levy for the Sheriff's Department;

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

- 1. A Special Election is hereby called for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the City of Wilsonville a three-year Tax Rate Serial Levy outside the City's tax base. The tax rate proposed by the levy shall be \$1.12 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. It is estimated that the levy will raise \$1,229,000 in year one, \$1,291,000 in year two and \$1,355,000 in year three. The levy will be in effect beginning with the 1996-97 fiscal year.
- 2. The election hereby called shall be held on March 12, 1996.
- 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 January 11, 1996, which is the filing deadline for ballot measures for the March 12, 1996, Special Election. The Elections Officers shall conduct the election as required by law.
- 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.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Wilsonville at a special meeting thereof this 9th day of January, 1996, and filed with the Wilsonville City Recorder this same date.

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GERALD A. KRUMMEL, Mayor

ATTEST:

SANDRA C. KING, City Recorder

SUMMARY of Votes:Mayor Krummel:YesCouncilor Lehan:YesCouncilor Hawkins:AbsentCouncilor Leahy:YesCouncilor Leo:Yes

## BALLOT TITLE

THREE YEAR OPERATING SERIAL LEVY RENEWAL FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES.

#### QUESTION:

Shall City of Wilsonville levy \$1.12 per \$1,000 in 1996-99 outside the tax base for law enforcement?

## SUMMARY:

Wilsonville contracts for police services with the Clackamas County Sheriff's Department. Money for this contract comes from a serial levy which expires June 30, 1996.

This new levy would allow Wilsonville to increase police staff from 9.5 to 12 officers, phased in over the levy period.

If voters approve the Clackamas County Law Enforcement Levy, also on the March ballot, and approve the City's levy, Wilsonville property owners would pay a lower rate (\$1.25 per \$1,000) for the County's Law Enforcement Levy.

If the city levy fails, Wilsonville will have no police department but will receive patrol services from Clackamas County at the same service level provided to unincorporated areas. This would be a substantial reduction from current and proposed patrol levels in the city. In addition, the higher levy rate applied by the County to unincorporated areas (\$1.60 per \$1,000) would apply to the city.

If approved, this levy would raise approximately, \$1,229,000 in FY 1996-97, \$1,291,000 in FY 1997-98, and \$1,355,000 in FY 1998-99. This levy is subject to the limits of Section 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution and would be used exclusively for law enforcement services.

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This proposed serial levy would continue Wilsonville's contract with Clackamas County Sheriff's Department for police services and provide sufficient funds to increase police staffing levels in Wilsonville from 9.5 to 12 officers. Staffing levels would increase to 11 officers in each of the first two years of the levy period (one of whom would be a traffic enforcement officer) and to 12 officers in the third year of the levy. The additional officers would bring police staffing levels in Wilsonville up to or above the recommended level of one officer per 1,000 population.

Passage of this levy would increase the tax dollars Wilsonville property owners pay for police protection. The expiring levy is for \$.85 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, or \$144.50 per year for the owner of a \$170,000 home. The proposed levy is for \$1.12 per \$1,000, or \$190.40 per year for the owner of a \$170,000 home (an increase of \$45.9 0 per year).

CCSD is also asking voters for a new law enforcement levy, which would apply two separate levy rates. A higher rate (\$1.60 per \$1,000) is applied to property located in an unincorporated area. A lower rate (\$1.25 per \$1,000) is applied to property in cities that provide law enforcement services. If the city levy fails and the county levy passes, the city would receive police services from CCSD at the same service level provided to unincorporated areas of the county. This would be a substantial reduction from current service levels. If the city levy passes and the county levy fails, Wilsonville would have to either create its own police department or contract for police services from a neighboring city's police force. If both levies fail, there would be no police services in Wilsonville or in any of the unincorporated areas of Clackamas County.