

Notice of Measure Election

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Notice

Date of Notice

March 1, 2017

Name of County or Counties

JOSEPHINE COUNTY

Date of Election

MAY 16, 2017

Final Ballot Title The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the county'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.

Adult Jail and Juvenile Detention Five Year Local Option Tax

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

Shall Josephine County levy \$0.93 per \$1,000 assessed value for Adult Jail and Juvenile Detention for Five years beginning 2017-2018?

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 revenue from this measure would go into a dedicated fund. By law, the fund would be used only for Adult Jail and Juvenile Detention services.

The revenue from this measure would provide Adult Jail and Juvenile Detention services as follows:

- Increase the current inmate capacity at the adult jail to allow intake of all persons arrested in Josephine County;
- Increase Juvenile Detention services to allow intake of all youth offenders who are taken into custody in Josephine County;
- Cover related internal support services including Finance, Human Resources, Legal Counsel, and Information Technology.

At \$0.93 per \$1,000, for every \$100,000 of a property's assessed value, the tax would cost \$7.75 per month or \$93.00 per year. The approximate tax increase for a home with an assessed value of \$154,440 would be \$11.97 per month or \$143.63 per year. The proposed rate will raise approximately \$ 6,938,970 in 2017-2018; \$ 7,185,300 in 2018-2019; \$ 7,440,370 in 2019-2020; \$ 7,704,500 in 2020-2021; and \$ 7,978,010 in 2021-2022.

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 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 county governing body; or

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

Explanatory Statement Attached?

Yes

No

Authorized County Official Not required to be notarized.

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By signing this document:

→ I hereby state that I am authorized by the county 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

March 1, 2017

Date Signed

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR VOTERS' PAMPHLET

Ballot Title Caption Adult Jail and Juvenile Detention Five Year Local Option Tax

Measure No. _____ **Word Total (500 max)** 467

This measure would affect only Adult Jail services and Juvenile Detention services. The revenue from this measure would go into a dedicated fund. By law, the fund could be used only for Adult Jail services and Juvenile Detention services, including the related internal support services which include Finance, Human Resources, Legal Counsel, and Information Technology. No revenue from this measure will fund the office or salaries of the Board of County Commissioners.

Present Funding to June 30, 2017

The capacity of the Adult Jail is 262 inmates. Current revenue limits the Adult Jail population to 130 inmates.

The capacity of the Juvenile Detention Center is 14 youths. The Juvenile Detention Center is currently closed. The Juvenile Department rents three detention beds from the Douglas County Juvenile Department.

July 2017 Funding

Congress has terminated payments that are partly funding the Adult Jail through June 30, 2017. After that date, a decline in projected revenue would drop the Adult Jail population to 80-90 inmates. At that capacity, the Adult Jail would intake only federal inmates, persons who are charged with serious violent felonies, and persons who are arrested in the City of Grants Pass until they are sentenced. There would be no space in the Adult Jail for persons who are arrested in areas of the County outside of the City of Grants Pass, or for persons who have already been convicted.

The 1999 construction bond to build the Josephine County Adult Jail will be paid off in 2017-2018. The current payment for the construction bond of \$0.13 per \$1000 of a property's assessed value would then disappear from property tax notices.

The Juvenile Detention Facility would remain closed.

Measure Funding

The proceeds from this measure would increase the Adult Jail capacity to 185 inmates. This would allow for the intake of all persons who are arrested in Josephine County, including persons arrested in the cities of Grants Pass and Cave Junction, and would eliminate the need for an Adult Jail contract with the City of Grants Pass. The Adult Jail would be able to intake

all persons who have been arrested in the cities and in the unincorporated areas of Josephine County. The Adult Jail would also retain its capacity to house inmates who have been convicted of crimes.

This measure would increase the level of Juvenile Detention services by providing funding to reopen the Juvenile Detention Center. The Center would have the capacity to lodge 14 youth offenders, and would provide detention services for all youth offenders who are taken into custody in Josephine County. The Juvenile Department provides services to youths who have had contact with the Justice System. These services include: crime prevention and criminal accountability programs; gang intervention and graffiti prevention; substance abuse training; family counseling; short-term lodging for runaways; and youth suicide prevention.

Board of County Commissioners

Person responsible for the content of the Statement

Josephine County

Name of the Government Body person represents