

Notice of Measure Election

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Notice

Date of Notice

August 30, 2021

Name of County or Counties

JOSEPHINE COUNTY

Date of Election

November 2, 2021

JOSEPHINE
COUNTY CLERK

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.

Renew Adult Jail, Juvenile Detention Five-Year Local Option Tax

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

Shall County renew five-year levy of \$0.93 per \$1,000 assessed value for Adult Jail and Juvenile Detention services beginning 2022-2023? This measure renews current local option taxes.

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

This measure renews for five years a current local option tax at the existing rate of \$0.93 per \$1000 of assessed value. Revenue from this measure would go into a dedicated fund. By law, Josephine County would use this revenue only to:

- Maintain the current inmate capacity at the Adult Jail to allow intake of persons arrested in Josephine County;
- Maintain Juvenile Detention services to allow intake of youths who are taken into custody in Josephine County;
- Cover related administrative expenses.

At \$0.93 per \$1,000, for every \$100,000 of assessed value, the tax would cost \$7.75 per month or \$93.00 per year. The approximate tax increase for a home valued at the County median residential assessed value of \$176,790.00 would be approximately \$164.41 per year.

The proposed rate will raise approximately \$8,350,00 in 2022-23; \$8,600,500 in 2023-2024; \$8,858,510 in 2024-2025; \$9,124,270 in 2025-2026; and \$9,398,00 in 2026-2027.

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 the 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

August 30, 2021

Date Signed

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR VOTERS' PAMPHLET

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

Measure No. _____ **Word Total (500 max)** 333

This measure would affect only Adult Jail services, Juvenile Detention services and related administrative expenses. Adults are persons aged 18 years and over, and juveniles (youths) are ages 12 to 17. 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, and related administrative expenses which include Finance, Human Resources, Legal Counsel, and Information Technology. No revenue from this measure would fund the office or salaries of the Board of County Commissioners.

Present Funding to June 30, 2022

A levy is currently funding the Adult Jail and the Juvenile Detention Center through June 30, 2022. The Adult Jail can currently lodge 185 inmates. The Juvenile Detention Center can currently lodge 14 youths. After June 30, 2022 a decline in projected revenue would drop the Adult Jail population to 80-90 inmates, and the Juvenile Detention Center would close.

Measure Funding

The proceeds from this five-year measure would allow the Adult Jail to retain the capacity to lodge 185 inmates. This would allow for the intake of persons who are arrested in Josephine County, including persons arrested in the cities of Grants Pass and Cave Junction, 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 and are serving a court-imposed sentence.

This measure would maintain the present level of Juvenile Department services by providing funding to keep the Juvenile Detention Center open. The Center would retain the capacity to lodge 14 youth offenders, and would provide detention services for youth offenders who are taken into custody in Josephine County. The Juvenile Department provides services to youths under the age of 18 who have had contact with the criminal justice system. Services provided by the Juvenile Department include: crime prevention and criminal accountability programs; gang intervention and graffiti prevention; anti-bullying guidance; 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