

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN ELECTION IN THE CITY OF COLUMBIA CITY TO SUBMIT TO CITY VOTERS THE ENACTMENT OF A LOCAL OPTION LEVY TO PROVIDE CONTINUED REVENUE FOR POLICE PROTECTION SERVICES

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia City ("City") desires to enact a five-year local option tax levy to assess \$1.95 per \$1,000 of Assessed Value to fund police protection services in the City;

WHEREAS, the City currently has a five-year local option tax levy to fund police protection services that is due to expire at the end of the 2026-2027 tax year;

WHEREAS, the City would like to replace the expiring tax levy with one that will provide additional funding;

WHEREAS, the City believes it is necessary to provide a funding mechanism and source to help pay costs associated with operations, equipment, and services for police protection that is provided to the citizens and businesses within the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Columbia City as follows:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Columbia City hereby calls an election in and for the City of Columbia City, Columbia County, Oregon to submit to the legal voters of the City, the following question:

Shall Columbia City impose \$1.95 per \$1,000 of assessed value for police department operating revenue for five years beginning 2027-2028?

This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

SECTION 2. This measure shall be filed with the City Elections Officer to be referred to a vote of the people by placing the measure on the ballot at the election on November 3, 2026, which is designated as the date for holding the election for voting on the measure.

SECTION 3. The election will be conducted by Columbia County Elections.

SECTION 4. The precincts for said election shall be and do constitute all of the territory included within the corporate limits of the City of Columbia City.

SECTION 5. The ballot title for this measure shall read as follows:

CAPTION: Approval of a police department operations levy for five years.

QUESTION: Shall Columbia City impose \$1.95 per \$1,000 of assessed value for police department operating revenue for five years beginning 2027-2028?

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SUMMARY: The City of Columbia City is submitting to voters for approval a levy of \$1.95 per \$1,000 of assessed value for a period of five years beginning in fiscal year 2027-2028. The City currently has a five-year levy of \$0.90 per \$1,000 assessed value; however, that levy is due to expire after the 2026-2027 tax year. This levy would replace the current levy. The tax revenue from this measure will be used to provide funding to the City Police Department so they can continue to provide protection services for the citizens and businesses of the City. If this measure does not pass, the City will be required to reduce police services.

The amount of funds raised by this proposed levy for each of the next five fiscal years is estimated to be as follows: \$450,861.00 in fiscal year 2027-2028; \$464,387.00 in fiscal year 2028-2029; \$478,318.00 in fiscal year 2029-2030; \$492,668.00 in fiscal year 2030-2031; and \$507,448.00 in fiscal year 2031-2032; for a total of \$2,393,682.00.

SECTION 6. The City Recorder and other staff shall take all necessary steps to effectuate this resolution; including, but not limited to submitting an impartial explanatory statement for the Columbia County Voters' Pamphlet on behalf of the City and publication of the ballot title in a newspaper of general circulation in the City.

SECTION 7. This resolution is effective immediately upon adoption by the City Council.