

Ballot Title

Concise and impartial statement summarizing the measure and its major effect that is printed on the ballot.

Caption

[Current 8 – up to 10 words – Identifies the subject of the measure]

City of Salem Community Livability Local Option Levy

Ballot Measure Title/Question

[Current 19 – up to 20 words – an affirmative response to the question corresponds to a yes vote on the ballot]

Shall Salem impose \$____ per \$1,000 of assessed value, for five years beginning July 1, 2025, for livability services?

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

Summary

(Current 142 – up to 175 words – Concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and describes its major effect – Impartial, simple and understandable statement that explains the measure)

Use of tax revenue from this measure would be limited to funding City of Salem public library daily operations and programing, Parks and Recreation daily operations, programing and parks maintenance, and Center 50+ daily operations and programing. Revenue from this measure would be restricted to the following uses and amounts (with FY 2025-2026 estimated dollar amounts):

- __% for Salem Public Library operations and programing, including restoration of operating days and hour, materials, programs, and community outreach (estimated amount \$_____);
- __% for Salem Parks and Recreation operations, maintenance and programing, including the provision of: recreation programs, maintenance and services at Salem parks and City-owned cultural facilities; and
- __% Center 50+ operations and programing.

By fiscal year, this levy is estimated to raise the following amounts:

25-26 - \$ _____
26-27 - \$ _____
27-28 - \$ _____
28-29 - \$ _____

29-30 - \$ _____
Total - \$ _____

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

(Current 348 – up to 500 words)

The measure would allow the City of Salem to levy \$_____ per \$1,000 of assessed value for five years for the purpose of supporting, operations, programming, maintenance and services for the main branch and west Salem branch of the Salem Public Library, Salem Parks and Recreation programs and services, parks maintenance and Center 50+. Revenue from the levy would be deposited in a special City fund to ensure the revenue is only used for the purposes allowed under this measure and be audited annually to ensure the funds are used only for purposes allowed under this measure. The operations and programs to be funded by this measure may include, but are not limited, to:

- Salem Public Library main branch and west Salem branch operations and programming.
- Restoration of days and hours of operation for the Salem Public Library main branch (to approximately 53 hours per week), and the west Salem branch (to approximately 25 hours per week) [Based on \$1.09 levy rate];
- Continued operations and programs at the Salem Public Library, including the main branch and west Salem branch of the Library;
- Continued operations and programs for older adults at the Center 50+;
- Management and maintenance for Salem parks and recreation facilities, including playgrounds, ball fields city open spaces, riparian and natural areas, trails, splash pads, restrooms, picnic shelters, and other park amenities;
- Recreation programming and events including youth programs and camps, youth and adult sports, fun runs/walks, concerts, and movies in the park.

Revenue from this measure will pay the cost of the services described in this measure and would allow an equal amount of existing City General Funds to be used for other City core services, such as Police, Fire, and Emergency Response.

The levy tax rate of \$_____ per \$1,000 assessed value is estimated to cost the typical homeowner approximately \$_____ per month or \$_____ per year in the first year of the levy, based on the average (mean) residential property and would collect approximately \$_____ million in the first year, with an estimated average of \$_____ million collected each year for the five-year period.

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