

Jackson County Voters' Pamphlet

SPECIAL ELECTION November 8, 2005



CITY OF ROGUE RIVER

Measure No. 15-63

BALLOT TITLE

15-63 ROGUE RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT FIVE YEAR LOCAL OPTION TAX

QUESTION: Shall the City impose a \$0.67 per \$1,000 of assessed value for police services for five years beginning 2006-2007? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

SUMMARY: This measure may be passed only at an election with at least 50 percent voter turnout.

Existing tax revenues will not continue funding police department operations at their current levels. The additional tax revenue would maintain a five member police force and fund associated costs. It would also fund a full time Police Clerk.

It is estimated that the proposed tax will raise \$77,166 in 2006-2007; \$81,410 in 2007-2008; \$85,888 in 2008-2009; \$90,612 in 2009-2010 and \$95,595 in 2010-2011, for a total of \$430,671. The estimated tax cost for this measure is an estimate only based on the best information available from the Jackson County Tax Assessor at the time of estimate.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

On November 8, 2005, a local option tax is before the voters of the City of Rogue River. The revenues would be dedicated to funding services and operations of the Rogue River Police Department.

Costs related to the operations and maintenance of the police department have increased. The current tax base does not provide the funding to maintain police services and operations at their current levels. This Local Option Tax would maintain current services and operations of the Police Department.

Currently the City has five police officers that are provided with the equipment required for law enforcement. Personnel and material costs have increased each year.

The Local Option Tax will maintain the current police services and operations. The Local Option Tax would fund the Police Department for the next five years. All Local Option Tax funds collected are allocated for police services only.

The cost of operating the Police Department in fiscal year 2003-2004 was \$47.65 per hour. This included personnel, materials, equipment, and maintenance costs necessary to provide the police services expected by the community.

The Local Option Tax would result in an estimated tax rate increase of \$0.67 per thousand assessed valuation. The following table shows the estimated monthly increase in taxes under the new Five Year Local Option Tax proposal.

<u>Assessed Valuation:</u>	<u>Additional Tax Per Month:</u>
\$100,000	\$ 6.70
\$150,000	\$10.05
\$200,000	\$13.40

The following table shows the estimated annual increase in taxes under the new Five Year Local Option Tax proposal.

<u>Assessed Valuation:</u>	<u>Additional Tax Per Year:</u>
\$100,000	\$ 80.40
\$150,000	\$120.60
\$200,000	\$160.80

These estimates were arrived at based on the most recent information available from the Jackson County Tax Assessor.

(Information furnished by Dick Skevington, Mayor, City of Rogue River.)