

RESOLUTION NO. 01-39
WEST LINN, OREGON

A RESOLUTION OF THE WEST LINN CITY COUNCIL CALLING AN ELECTION TO SUBMIT TO THE VOTERS A FIVE-YEAR LOCAL OPTION LEVY AT THE RATE OF \$0.9650 PER \$1,000 OF ASSESSED PROPERTY VALUE FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR EACH YEAR FOR FIVE YEARS BEGINNING JULY 1, 2002.

WHEREAS, fire protections and emergency medical aid are basic and vital city services; and

WHEREAS, fire protection and emergency medical services are funded by a combination of the City's general fund and a local option levy; and

WHEREAS, the current local option levy will expire on June 30, 2002; and

WHEREAS, this measure, if approved, will allow the City to continue to fund fire protection and emergency medical services at the same level of service; and

WHEREAS, this proposed tax levy is outside the tax limitation imposed by Article XI, section 11 of the Oregon Constitution and must be submitted to the voters of the City for their approval;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST LINN, CLACKAMAS COUNTY, OREGON THAT:

Section 1: An election is hereby called in and for the City of West Linn, Clackamas County, Oregon, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City the following question:

Shall the City levy \$0.9650 per \$1,000 of property value annually from 2002-03 to 2006-07 for fire, emergency medical services?

Section 2: Tuesday, March 12, 2002, is hereby designated the date for holding the election for the purpose of voting on the local option levy.

Section 3: The election will be conducted by the Clackamas County Elections Department by mail.

Section 4: The precincts for said election shall be and constitute all of the territory included within the corporate limits of the City of West Linn.

Section 5: The City Manager is hereby directed to publish notice of receipt of ballot title in the West Linn Tidings in compliance with ORS 250.275(5).

Section 6: The City Manager shall file the ballot title with the county clerk as required by ORS 254.095 and shall include the proposed local option levy in the statement of city measures to be voted on.

Section 7: If the levy is approved and the amounts raised exceed the estimates in the statement in the ballot title, only the estimated amounts may be used and the excess shall be considered a budget resource for the levy fund in the next fiscal year. Any excess funds remaining at the expiration of the levy will be refunded or used to offset the future costs of fire and emergency medical service.

Section 8: The ballot title to appear on the ballots shall be:

BALLOT TITLE

CAPTION

FIVE-YEAR OPERATING LOCAL OPTION LEVY FOR FIRE SERVICES

QUESTION

Shall City levy \$0.9650 per \$1,000 of property value annually for five years starting 2002-03 for fire, emergency medical services?

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

SUMMARY

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

This measure provides a levy on property of \$0.9650 per \$1,000 of property value each year for five years, beginning with the 2002-03 fiscal year.

This levy will be used to maintain current firefighting services at the same level. The City currently contracts with Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue for those services, and the funds raised by the levy combined with general fund revenues are anticipated to provide the same level of services as

currently provided, whether those services are provided under contract by TVF&R or by the City.

The levy, if adopted, would be a local option levy and not subject to the limitations in Article XI, section 11, of the Oregon Constitution.

The estimated amounts to be raised by this levy are:

First Year (FY 2002-03)	\$1,842,706
Second Year (FY 2003-04)	\$ 1,916,415
Third Year (FY 2004-05)	\$ 1,973,907
Fourth Year (FY 2005-06)	\$ 2,033,124
Fifth Year (FY 2006-07)	<u>\$ 2,094,118</u>
TOTAL	\$ 9,860,271

Section 9: Effective Date.

This resolution shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on December 13, 2001.

This resolution adopted this 12th day of December, 2001.


David Dodds, Mayor

ATTEST:


Nancy Davis, Administrative Assistant

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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Fire and emergency medical services in the City of West Linn are provided by Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R), which has served the City on a contract basis since 1998. Prior to that time, the City had maintained its own fire department, but chose to contract with TVF&R in order to take advantage of the enhanced level of service provided by a larger, regional agency.

Under the terms of the contract, TVF&R provides all of the services previously provided by the West Linn Fire Department, plus water rescue, hazardous materials response; specialized rescue for such emergencies as cave-ins, building collapses, entrapment in confined spaces, and rescue from elevations; emergency management and planning, full-time supervision by a chief officer, vehicle maintenance, chaplain services, and victim assistance. In major emergencies, the City of West Linn has access to all the resources of TVF&R, including command staff, information officers, and additional vehicles and personnel.

The current level of service in West Linn consists of two fire stations staffed 24 hours-a-day, seven days-a-week. In addition, a contingent of trained volunteer firefighters are maintained in West Linn. These paid and volunteer firefighters are backed up by TVF&R units from neighboring areas outside the City as needed.

The services provided the City of West Linn by TVF&R are funded through a combination of monies from the City's general fund and a five-year levy that was approved by West Linn voters in March 1997. The current levy expires on June 30, 2002.

The City of West Linn is currently evaluating its options for providing fire and emergency medical services into the future, and is considering several potential long-term options, including possible annexation to TVF&R's district. Regardless of which option the City chooses, renewal of the levy is necessary to maintain the current level of service.

The City of West Linn is asking for voter authorization of a five-year levy that will cost 96 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation annually. It is estimated that the levy will generate \$9,860,271 in revenue during the five years it would be in effect.