

ORDINANCE NO. 817

AN ORDINANCE PROPOSING A MEASURE FOR A FIVE-YEAR LOCAL OPTION TAX IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000 PER YEAR, BEGINNING FISCAL YEAR 2001-2002 TO BE PLACED ON THE NOVEMBER 7, 2000 BALLOT TO AUGMENT GENERAL FUND OPERATIONS AND TO OFFSET LOSS OF CERTAIN REVENUES; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Stayton has determined there will be insufficient revenue in fiscal years 2001-2005 to ensure adequate funding of mandated programs and allow for other programs directed toward providing or enhancing desirable levels of City services to Stayton residents;

WHEREAS, the Stayton Budget Committee identified the need for a local option tax to support greater fiscal stability within the City's General Fund;

WHEREAS, the Stayton City Council has determined that \$500,000 in additional revenue sources, not presently available within the permanent tax rate imposed by State of Oregon Ballot Measures 47 and 50, are necessary, in each year over the next five years, to augment General Fund operations and to offset loss of certain revenues;

WHEREAS, State of Oregon Ballot Measures 47 and 50 provide the framework for voter-approved local option taxes;

WHEREAS, it is the Stayton City Council's intent to submit a ballot measure at the next November General Election for a five year local option tax to the registered voters of the City of Stayton for approval; and,

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that an emergency be declared as to the enactment of this Ordinance so that it is in full force and effect immediately from and after its adoption by the Stayton City Council.

NOW THEREFORE, the Stayton City Council does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1: TAX PROPOSED

For the purpose of providing greater fiscal stability to the City of Stayton's General Fund, ensuring adequate funding of mandated programs and allow for programs directed toward providing or enhancing desirable levels of City services to Stayton residents, a local option tax is proposed in the amount of \$500,000 each year for five years, within the limitations of State of Oregon Ballot Measure 5, beginning in Fiscal Year 2001-2002.

SECTION 2: SUBMITTAL TO QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF STAYTON

This measure shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the City of Stayton, for their approval or rejection, at the State General Election to be held November 7, 2000.

SECTION 3: BALLOT TITLE

For the purpose of submitting this measure to the Stayton electorate, the following ballot title is hereby approved and adopted:

a. Caption (10 words)

Five-year Local Option Tax for City Operations

b. Question (20 words)

Shall the City of Stayton implement a \$500,000 operating tax annually for five years, beginning in Fiscal Year 2001 - 2002? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

c. Summary (175 words)

The City of Stayton is asking voters to approve a five-year local option tax of \$500,000 per year, beginning in Fiscal Year 2001-2002, to help fund General Fund operations and to offset loss of certain revenues. This tax would raise \$2.5 Million over the five year period.

Fiscal Year 2001-2002 is the final year for an existing \$100,000 per year local option tax which supports library and pool operations, as well as approximately \$41,000 in federal grant funding for two police officers. The proposed tax offsets those lost revenues and provides fiscal stability to the City's General Fund, ensures adequate funding of mandated programs and allows for activities directed toward providing desirable levels of City services to Stayton residents.

Other uses specifically proposed for local option tax proceeds include deferred maintenance on city buildings and facilities, information technology upgrades, grant matching funds and deferred personnel-related costs.

It is estimated that this tax will result in a rate of \$1.61 per \$1,000 of assessed value in the first year. 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.

SECTION 4: VOTER PAMPHLET

The City of Stayton shall file, along with its Notice of Measure Election, an impartial Explanatory Statement for the local Voter's Pamphlet. The Explanatory Statement shall be not more than 500 words and shall be a fair and impartial statement describing the proposed measure and the reasons for it. There is no fee for filing the Explanatory Statement. The authority for this requirement is Oregon Revised Statutes Chapter 251.

SECTION 5. Upon adoption by the Stayton City Council and the Mayor's signing, this Ordinance shall become immediately effective.

ADOPTED BY THE STAYTON CITY COUNCIL this 21st day of August, 2000.

CITY OF STAYTON

Signed: Aug. 28, 2000

By: Henry A. Porter
Henry A. Porter, Mayor

Signed: Aug. 28, 2000

ATTEST: Chris Childs
Chris Childs, City Administrator

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

David A. Rhoten
David A. Rhoten, City Attorney