RESOLUTION NO. 25-006



A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A MEASURE ELECTION TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF STAYTON THE QUESTION OF A FIVE-YEAR LOCAL OPTION TAX, LEVYING A TAX RATE OF \$0.56 PER THOUSAND OF ASSESSED VALUE, BEGINNING FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027, TO BE PLACED ON THE MAY 20, 2025 SPECIAL DISTRICT ELECTION BALLOT, FOR PARTIAL SUPPORT OF THE CITY'S LIBRARY

WHEREAS, the City of Stayton has determined there will continue to be insufficient revenues to ensure adequate funding of mandated City functions and still properly allow for other programs directed toward providing or enhancing desirable levels of recreational and leisure services to Stayton residents;

WHEREAS, the Stayton City Council has determined that \$2,665,533 in additional revenue sources, not presently available within the permanent tax rate imposed by the State of Oregon Constitution are necessary, over the five fiscal years starting July 2026, to partially fund the City's Library operations;

WHEREAS, State of Oregon Ballot Measures 47 and 50, passed by Oregon voters on November 5, 1996 and May 20, 1997, respectively, provide the framework and limitations for voter-approved local option taxes;

WHEREAS, consecutive local option tax measures, for similar purposes, were approved by Stayton voters on November 3, 1998, May 21, 2002, May 18, 2004, May 20, 2008, May 15, 2012, May 17, 2016, and May 2021 respectively; and

WHEREAS, it is the Stayton City Council's desire to submit a ballot measure for the May 20th, 2025 Special District Election, for a five-year local option tax for partial support of the City's Library, to the registered voters of the City of Stayton for approval.

NOW THEREFORE, THE STAYTON CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. A measure election is hereby called for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the City of Stayton ("City") the question of a five-year local option tax at the fixed rate of \$0.56 per thousand of assessed value, within the limitations of Article XI, Section 11b of the Oregon Constitution, beginning in Fiscal Year 2026-2027.
- 2. The measure election hereby called shall be held in the City on the 20th day of May, 2025. As authorized by the County Clerk of Marion County, Oregon, and the Oregon Secretary of State, the election shall be conducted by mail pursuant to applicable state law. The elections officer for Marion County is hereby directed to proceed with the election by placing the measure on the ballot and taking such other actions to carry out the intent of this resolution.
- 3. The City authorizes its City Manager ("Authorized Representative"), or a designee of the Authorized Representative, to act on behalf of the City and to take such further action as is necessary to carry out the intent and purposes herein in compliance with the applicable provisions of law.
- 4. The following is hereby approved as the official Ballot Title:

Referred to the People by the City Council

Caption: Five Year Local Option Tax for Library Support

Question: Should City of Stayton impose \$0.56 per \$1,000 of assessed value for Library operations for five years beginning July 2026? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

Summary: The City of Stayton is seeking a five-year local option tax of \$0.56 per \$1,000 of assessed value, beginning Fiscal Year 2026-2027, to continue funding support of the Stayton Public Library.

The proposed tax will take the place of the existing five-year local option tax for support of the library which was passed in 2021, and ends on June 30, 2026.

The levy is necessary to maintain current levels of service and operations for the Stayton Public Library. If adopted, the levy will enable the library to maintain its operating hours and staffing in order to provide library materials and educational services to the community.

The proposed rate will raise approximately \$472,856 in 2026-27, \$501,227 in 2027-28, \$531,301 in 2028-29, \$563,179 in 2029-30, and \$596,970 in 2030-31 for a total of \$2,665,553.

- 5. Pursuant to ORS 250.275(5) and 250.285, the City Elections Officer shall publish in the next available edition of *The Statesman Journal*, or in some other newspaper of general distribution within the City, a notice of receipt of the ballot title including notice that an elector may file a petition for review of the ballot title not later than the seventh business day after the title is filed with the City Elections Officer in a form approved by law.
- 6. Pursuant to ORS 254.095(2), the City directs the City Elections Officer to deliver appropriate notice and the Ballot Title to the Marion County Elections Office after the ballot title appeal timeline has run and by March 20, 2025.
- 7. Pursuant to ORS 251.345, the Authorized Representative shall file, prior to applicable filing deadlines, 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.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Stayton City Council.

ADOPTED BY THE STAYTON CITY COUNCIL THIS 18TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025.

Signed:	, 2025	BY:	Brian Quigley, Mayor
Signed: 2-18	, 2025	ATTEST:	Julia Hajduk, City Manager