



RESOLUTION NO. 25-028

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 \$1.10 PER THOUSAND OF ASSESSED VALUE, BEGINNING FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027, TO BE PLACED ON THE NOVEMBER 4, 2025 ELECTION BALLOT, FOR PARTIAL OPERATIONAL SUPPORT OF THE CITY'S PARKS AND POOL

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

WHEREAS, the Stayton City Council determined that additional revenue, not presently available within the permanent tax rate created by the Oregon Constitution, is necessary over the five fiscal years starting July 2026, to partially fund the City's parks and pool operations;

WHEREAS, the Oregon Constitution and state statutes authorize the City Council to seek voter approval of local option taxes;

WHEREAS, local option tax measures, for similar purposes, were approved by Stayton voters in 1998, 2002, 2004, 2008, 2012, 2016, and 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to submit a ballot measure to the registered voters of the City of Stayton for the November 4, 2025 election, a five-year local option tax for partial support of the City's parks and pool.

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 the question of a five-year local option tax at the fixed rate of \$1.10 per thousand of assessed value, beginning in fiscal year 2026-2027.
2. The measure election shall be held in the City on the 4th day of November, 2025. Under the direction of the County Clerk of Marion County, 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 applicable law.
4. The following is approved as the ballot title:

Caption: Five Year Local Option Tax for Parks and Pool Operations

Question: Shall City of Stayton impose \$1.10 per \$1,000 of assessed value for recreational 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 \$1.10 per \$1,000 of assessed value, beginning fiscal year 2026-2027, to continue funding support of city parks and the Stayton Family Memorial Pool.

The proposed tax would replace the five-year local option tax of \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed

value which passed in 2021, and ends June 30, 2026.

If adopted, the levy will enable maintaining current levels of service and operations for the City's eleven parks and natural areas as well as the City's public pool. The levy will also help fund upcoming planned park and pool improvements.

Without the funding from this levy, the City will face immediate financial decisions that would include: cutting back operational hours or closing the pool; deferring necessary pool maintenance; reducing upkeep of city parks; canceling planned park system improvements; and park closures. With the funding provided by this proposed levy, the City plans to invest in its parks and the pool to continue providing a wide variety of recreational opportunities to City residents.

The proposed rate will raise approximately \$909,729 in 2026-27, \$937,021 in 2027-28, \$965,131 in 2028-29, \$994,085 in 2029-30, and \$1,023,908 in 2030-31 for a total of \$4,829,874.

5. The City Elections Officer is directed to publish in the next available edition of The Statesman Journal, or in another newspaper of general circulation 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.
6. The City Elections Officer is directed to deliver the appropriate notice and the ballot title to the Marion County Elections Office after the ballot title appeal timeline has run and by September 4, 2025.
7. The Authorized Representative shall file, prior to applicable filing deadlines, an impartial explanatory statement for the County voter's pamphlet. The explanatory statement shall comply with applicable state and county requirements.

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

ADOPTED BY THE STAYTON CITY COUNCIL THIS 4TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2025.

Signed: 8-4, 2025

BY: 
Brian Quigley, Mayor

Signed: 8-5, 2025

ATTEST: 
Julia Hajduk, City Manager

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR PRINTING IN THE
MARION COUNTY VOTER PAMPHLET**

Election Date: November 4, 2025

The Stayton City Council referred this local option tax measure to the City's voters. If approved by the voters, this measure creates a five-year local option tax of \$1.10 per \$1,000 of assessed value starting July 1, 2026 to fund continued operations of the City's parks and the Stayton Family Memorial Pool. This proposed tax would replace the current five-year local option tax approved in 2021, of \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value which expires June 30, 2026.

Historically, the City funded its parks and the pool through levies that also supported other services such as the library. However, at the May 2021 election, the City introduced separate levies, one levy dedicated to library operations and a second levy dedicated to operations for the City's parks and pool.

The City currently maintains and operates 138 acres of land for developed parks and natural areas. Operation of these assets includes the staff time, equipment, and materials for keeping the properties mowed, clean, and healthy. With the increase in personnel costs, along with the increase in equipment and materials costs, the current levy rate would not fund the full extent of operational needs for the City's parks. With the proposed levy, the City will meet operational needs and hopes to expand open spaces available to City residents by developing new park facilities. Without the proposed levy, rather than expanding services, the City would be faced with the prospects of reducing park services, limiting park maintenance, and cutting back on park access.

The Stayton Family Memorial Pool operates approximately 60 hours per week and provides programming for both youth and adults. Maintaining the pool not only consists of the staff and materials for daily operations but also includes staying current on maintenance projects and improvement projects. Last year, the City commissioned a pool facility audit that will help guide the City in ensuring the pool stays operational for years to come. The audit identified several projects that would cost up to \$920,000. While the pool does generate some revenue through user fees, these fees do not fully fund pool operations. Without funding from the proposed levy, the City would be faced with making significant cuts to pool operations, including reduced hours, and potentially deferring required improvements that would jeopardize the long-term functioning of the facility. Closing the pool would also be considered if the levy fails.

The City's recreational services are guided by a citizen-volunteer Parks and Recreation Board, which recommends priorities for services and spending of levy revenue. This Board helps oversee operations of the City's parks and provides input on planning recreational programs throughout the City.

The proposed tax rate of \$1.10 per \$1,000 of assessed value would result in an estimated annual payment from property owners of \$277, based on the current average assessed home value in Stayton of \$252,000. It is important to note that the assessed value is not the same as the market value of a home.

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Authorized Signature _____ Title City Manager

Printed Name Julia Hajduk

Local Government Unit City of Stayton