



STAYTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

LOCAL OPTION TAX LEVY - FACT SHEET

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.

LEVY TAX USE

Levy funding will enable the Library to maintain its current levels of service and operation for all ages including:

- A friendly and welcoming team dedicated to serving this community
- Inviting and inclusive spaces
- Dynamic programming
- Public computers and free Wi-Fi
- Public access to a vast collection of books and materials available 5 days a week

WHY VOTE NOW?

The primary source of revenue for the Library is the local option levy. Failure of the proposed levy at the May 20, 2025 election will have an unprecedented negative impact on the operations, services, and programs of the Stayton Public Library. Reduced funding will result in reduced operating hours, cut staff, and perhaps even Library closure.

WHY IS A LEVY NECESSARY?

Because of property tax limits set by statewide Measures 47 and 50 in the 1990's, the City is unable to raise its permanent tax rate, even with majority community support. As a result, the City depends on voter-approved local option levies to supplement its operating budget in order to continue to provide necessary funding for maintaining community services that enhance our quality of life, such as the library.

DIDN'T STAYTON VOTERS ALREADY APPROVE A LEVY?

Yes! Voters have consistently passed levies during the following years, with the newly approved levy replacing the expiring levy.

- Nov. 1998
- May 2002
- May 2004
- May 2008
- May 2012
- May 2016
- May 2021 *expiring