

Amity School District 4J

Referred by Amity School District 4J Measure 36-210

Bonds to Build, Renovate and Improve Safety of Schools

Question: Shall Amity School District issue up to \$29,400,000 in principal amount of bonds to renovate schools; receive \$4,000,000 Grant? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Summary: The District has been awarded a \$4,000,000 State grant that will be available only if bonds are approved.

If approved this measure would finance capital costs, including:

- Remodel of the existing high school facility on Oak Street;
- Providing for a middle school facility through renovation and expansion on the existing Oak Street campus;
- Safety and seismic improvements for all schools.

The District would establish a citizen oversight committee to ensure proceeds are used for purposes indicated.

Bonds may be issued in multiple series; each maturing within 25 years from issuance. The estimated annual tax rate would be \$3.16 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Actual levy rate may differ due to final interest rates and changes in assessed value.

**NO ARGUMENTS
WERE FILED IN
OPPOSITION TO THIS
MEASURE**

Amity School District 4J

Explanatory Statement Measure 36-210

Amity School District serves students primarily from southern Yamhill and northern Polk counties. Currently the district comprises three school buildings, serving grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12, serving nearly 800 students and growing.

Amity School District Facility Challenges

- Current Middle School building is nearly 90 years old and no longer meets the needs of modern education, nor is it large enough for the number of students we serve;
- The 1965 wing of the High School requires remodeling and updating;
- The Elementary School is very full and in need of room for future growth;
- Each school needs entrances that are safer and more effectively controlled; and
- We need to solve our facility challenges in a way that will provide for decades of education.

Long Range Facility Plan

Beginning in 2019, a group of community members and school representatives worked with architectural and engineering firms to assess the current facilities and plan for the future of our district's facilities. Over the course of a year, this group worked to identify and prioritize the greatest facility needs of the Amity School District, resulting in this bond request. It was their intent to ensure that all three schools received what they needed to be in good educational shape going forward.

The following capital projects have been proposed based on their work:

- Remodel the 1965 wing of the High School and add classrooms in order to create a new Middle School in that location;
- Add new classrooms to the 2003 wing of the High School, including science, art, and a gymnasium, modernizing facilities for grades 9-12;
- Remodeling entrances for all schools so as to improve safety and security; and
- Small expansion of the High School administrative area.

In order to resolve the capacity issues at the Elementary School, fifth grade would be moved to the new Middle School. Separation would be created between the lower grades (5 & 6) and the upper grades (7 & 8), as well as between the High School and the Middle School, ensuring no more interaction than happens presently during the elective periods.

Through these changes, Amity School District will be in a very strong position to handle continued growth and meet the diverse academic needs and challenges of our students.

Bond funds can only be used for voter-approved projects:

The principal amount cannot exceed \$29.4 million and bonds would mature in 25 years or less. Law prohibits the use of bond funds for any expense not listed on the ballot.

Amity School District has been awarded a \$4,000,000 state matching grant, contingent upon passing our bond. That means that the district would receive an additional 13.6% for the same purposes listed above.

*Information furnished by Jeff Clark, Superintendent
Amity School District 4J*

City of Dayton

Referred by the City of Dayton Measure 36-212

SIX YEAR LOCAL OPTION TAX FOR POLICE SERVICES

Question: Shall Dayton levy \$1.85 per \$1,000 assessed property value each year for 6 years for police services beginning in fiscal year 2022-2023? This measure renews current local option taxes.

Summary: The proposed levy would fund the current Yamhill County deputy sheriff providing 40 hours a week of police services exclusively in the City and could include the following services: Municipal Court, Court/Records Clerk, Code Enforcement Officer, 9-1-1 services and support services.

The City contracts these services out through an intergovernmental agreement with Yamhill County and receives numerous public safety benefits for the cost of service.

The City's current law enforcement local option tax will expire June 30, 2022. The current tax funds a one full-time sheriff deputy and one half-time code enforcement officer. It also funds Municipal Court, 9-1-1 services and support services.

The estimated total amount of the levy is \$269,230 per year for six years. A home assessed at \$100,000.00 would pay \$185 annually.

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.

**NO ARGUMENTS
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SUPPORT OF OR IN
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City of Dayton

Explanatory Statement Measure 36-212

This measure is a Six-year Local Option Tax for Dayton police services. If approved, the City of Dayton will have \$269,230 for police services each year for six years beginning fiscal year 2022-2023.

In 2018, the city passed a 3-year operating levy for public safety services which was a continuation of previous levies.

The proposed levy is a continuation of the current levy and would fund the current Yamhill County deputy sheriff providing police services exclusively in the City and could include the following services: Municipal Court, Court/Records Clerk, Code Enforcement Officer, 9-1-1 services and other support services. By contracting out for these services, the City receives numerous benefits including but not limited to public safety service, criminal law enforcement, City ordinance citations, traffic enforcement, preparation of reports, attendance at City Council meetings, clerical services, administrative services, vehicle maintenance and upkeep and professional training.

The levy is needed to ensure the City's public safety needs are met as the population continues to grow. The levy would foster continued positive growth and provide a stable public safety presence in the City. Failure of the measure would reduce police services offered to the public and decrease the efficiency of services already offered.

The Yamhill County Sheriff's Office currently provides 40 hours a week of services exclusively in the City based on an intergovernmental agreement it has with the City. Calls are answered based upon priorities set by the department. If this levy passes, the City will have continued dedicated coverage in an approximately 1 square mile area. This ensures the same level of police response and contributes to officer familiarity with the City and its activities.

The total amount of the levy is \$1.85 per \$1000 of assessed valuation each year for six years, beginning in tax year 2022-2023. A home assessed at \$100,000 would pay \$185 annually.

The current law enforcement local option tax is set to expire June 30, 2022, and the proposed six-year levy is for the same amount taxpayers paid under the previous levy.

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 the estimate.

*Information furnished by Rochelle Roaden, City Manager
City of Dayton*

Sheridan Rural Fire Protection District

Referred by Sheridan Rural Fire Protection District Measure 36-211

Five-year Local Option Levy for Emergency Service Operations.

Question: Shall district Levy taxes \$0.88 per \$1,000 of assessed value for the five years beginning 2022-23 for emergency services operations? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

Summary: This ballot measure asks voters located in the Sheridan Fire District to consider an operation levy \$0.88 per thousand dollars of assessed value. The fire district currently operates with a \$0.35 levy, expiring June 2022. To be effective, the levy increase must be approved by fifty percent of voter turnout. The board of directors approved this levy on the ballot to address three major district needs:

1. Staffing for a second 24-hour ALS ambulance, placed into service 24-hours a day, needed due to an increase of call volume and multiple calls occurring simultaneously.
2. Replacing Noncompliant and expired Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
3. Meeting the minimum projected for the District's Operational Plan.

This levy would raise approximately \$399,860 in 2022-2023, \$411,856 in 2023-2024, \$424,212 in 2024-2025, \$436,938 in 2025-2026, \$459,204 in 2026-2027. The estimated tax costs for this measure are an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of estimate.

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Sheridan Rural Fire Protection District

Explanatory Statement Measure 36-211

The Sheridan Fire District has a long and proud history of serving the communities of Ballston, Buell, and the City of Sheridan. The fire district currently has 15 dedicated professional volunteers and nine career firefighter/EMS personnel. One ambulance is staffed with a full-time paramedic and an EMT, as an Advanced Life Support vehicle 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Additionally, one more person staffs a brush truck as a first responder when Sheridan's ambulance is transporting a patient to the hospital; the additional paramedic responds to the additional call to assist the patient until a mutual-aid ambulance arrives for transport.

In 2021, 85% of the calls were ambulance-related. Therefore, a second-staffed ambulance is required. Sheridan Fire District's annual budget is 52% funded by property taxes; the balance of the annual operating costs is primarily derived from user fees for rescue services, including nonresident service fees, and ambulance transport fees. Because we are a "fire district", the Sheridan Fire District does not receive any funds from the City of Sheridan, or surrounding communities.

Sheridan Fire District voters approved a renewal request for a Local Option Levy on May 16, 2017. The 2017-2022 levy was approved for a \$0.35 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation per year.

The current Levy, will expire on June 30, 2022. Therefore, our replacement levy will replace the 2017 expiring levy.

A "yes" vote would maintain and enhance those services by replacing the current Local Option Levy tax rate of \$0.35 cents and replacing it with \$0.88 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value, an increase of \$0.53 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. That would equal a \$13.08 per month or \$157.00 per year increase from the previous Levy for a home at the median assessed value of \$300,000.

A "yes" vote on the Levy would:

- Staff a second ambulance 24-hours per day to meet the increasing demand for service.
- Replace Expired/Expiring personal protective equipment (PPE).
- Increase the operational revenue that allows increased services.

A "no" vote on the Levy would:

- Not renew the levy and the current levy of \$0.35 cents per \$1,000 would end.
- Operational funding would be reduced by 31.5 percent.
- Leave only one ambulance in-service. Wait times for a trained responder and a second ambulance increase.
- The personal protective equipment will not be replaced.

The proposed Levy is limited to the five-year fiscal period from 2022 through 2027. Future renewals of this Levy would not occur without voter approval. The money raised by this measure must be used exclusively for the purposes stated in this Ballot Title.

This measure would cost \$0.88 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. It is estimated the proposed rate would raise \$399,860 in 2022-23, \$411,856 in 2023-24, \$424,212 in 2024-25, \$436,938 in 2025-26, and \$459,204 in 2026-27.

*Information furnished by Harry Cooley, Sheridan Board President
Sheridan Rural Fire Protection District*