

**YAMHILL COUNTY, OREGON**  
**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR YAMHILL COUNTY VOTER'S**  
**PAMPHLET**

Ballot Tile Caption: FIVE YEAR LOCAL OPTION TAX FOR POLICE SERVICES

Measure Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT:**

This measure is a Five-Year Local Option Tax for Dayton police services. If approved, the City of Dayton will have \$322,173 for police services each year for five 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 current law enforcement local option tax is set to expire June 30, 2022.

The proposed levy 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 services to the City as a part of its rural patrol 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 \$2.30 per \$1000 of assessed valuation each year for five years, beginning in tax year 2022-2023. A home assessed at \$100,000 would pay \$230 annually. This is the first time in 14 years the tax levy is asking to be increased to maintain current service levels.

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.