

AN ORDINANCE OF ALBANY, LINN AND BENTON COUNTIES, OREGON, CALLING FOR AN ELECTION TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY THE QUESTION OF RENEWING A LEVY AT \$1.15 PER \$1,000 ASSESSED VALUE FOR AMBULANCE, FIRE, AND POLICE OPERATIONS BEGINNING IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 FOR FIVE YEARS.

WHEREAS, the Budget Committee of the City of Albany found that revenues are needed to enhance essential services provided for everyone's use and protection beginning in the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 and recommended that a five year public safety operating levy be submitted to the legal voters of the City of Albany; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Albany supports the value of continuing to provide quality services to the citizens of the city;

NOW THEREFORE, THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Date of Election. A levy election with the question set forth in Section 2 of this ordinance shall be submitted in the manner prescribed herein to the legal voters residing within the City of Albany, on the 15th day of May 2012.

Section 2. Form of Question. Shall the City of Albany impose \$1.15/\$1,000 assessed value for Ambulance, Fire, and Police operations for five more years.

Section 3. Project Description. The City plans to use tax revenue from this measure to continue funding for six Firefighter/EMTs, a Deputy Fire Marshal and a Fire Life/Safety Educator to maintain fire prevention and public education at current levels, four Police Officers, three Civilian Community Service Officers to free up certified officers to deal with emergencies, a Communications Specialist, a Crime Analyst, and for related equipment and training. Taxes will also continue to be used to pay inflationary operating costs for the Fire/Ambulance and Police Departments.

Section 4. Hours of Election. The election shall be conducted as a mail in election.

Section 5. Notice of Election. Notice of the levy election shall be given by the County Clerks and City Elections Officer, as provided in the general election laws of the State of Oregon and the Charter of the City of Albany.

Section 6. Ballot Form The City Attorney has reviewed a Notice of Levy Election and Ballot Title in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.


Passed by the Council: September 14, 2011

Approved by the Mayor: September 14, 2011

Effective Date: October 14, 2011

ATTEST


Betty Russell
City Clerk



Mayor's signature

EXHIBIT "A"

CAPTION

Renewal of the Ambulance, Fire, and Police Local Option Tax

QUESTION

Shall Albany tax \$1.15/\$1,000 assessed value for Ambulance, Fire, and Police operations for five more years? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

SUMMARY

The City plans to use tax revenue from this measure to continue funding for six Firefighter/EMTs; a Deputy Fire Marshal and a Fire Life/Safety Educator, four Police Officers, three Civilian Community Service Officers, a Police Dispatcher, a Crime Analyst, and for related equipment and training.

The proposed rate will net approximately \$3,226,379 in 2013-2014, \$3,266,557 in 2014-2015, \$3,301,806 in 2015-2016, \$3,331,239 in 2016-2017 and \$3,353,855 in 2017-2018, for a total of \$16,479,835.

The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessors at the time of the estimate.