

Notice of Receipt of Ballot Title for the November 8, 2022 General Election

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on August 16th 2022, the City Recorder for the City of Happy Valley received a ballot title for a parks and recreation levy referred by the Happy Valley City Council to voters at the November 8, 2022 election.

Any elector may file a petition for review of the ballot title with the Clackamas County Circuit Court no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 25th (the 7th business day after the ballot title was filed with the City Recorder) under ORS 250.296. The elector must notify the City Elections Official (City Recorder) in writing that the petition has been filed. That notice must be given no later than 5:00 p.m. on the next business day following the day the petition is filed.

CAPTION: APPROVAL OF HAPPY VALLEY PARKS AND RECREATION LEVY FOR FIVE YEARS

QUESTION: Shall Happy Valley maintain levy rate of \$0.54/\$1,000 for parks and recreation services for five years beginning Fiscal Year 2023/24?

This measure renews current local option taxes.

SUMMARY: This measure will not increase taxes. It would renew a local option levy that City voters approved in 2018. All funds collected would be spent on parks and recreation programs in Happy Valley.

The City's park and recreation services are funded exclusively by this local option levy. This proposed levy maintains the rate of \$0.54/\$1,000 of assessed value (approximately \$199/year for the median home with a market value of \$550,000 and an assessed value of \$368,500).

If approved, this levy would provide the City with a dedicated revenue source for maintaining the fields, playgrounds, trails, picnic shelters, and other amenities at city-owned parks. In addition, these dollars may be used in combination with grants and development fees for the design and purchase of future parks and trails. Finally, funds would help offset the costs of recreation programs such as summer camps, activity classes, and community events.

Should this levy fail, the City would not have enough resources to maintain the parks or provide recreation programs.

The amount of funds raised by this proposed levy for each of the next five fiscal years is estimated to be as follows: FY 2023/24: \$2,040,000; FY 2024/25: 2,140,000; FY 2025/26: \$2,250,000; 2026/27: \$2,360,000; FY 2027/28: \$2,480,000.