

ORDINANCE 5535

AN ORDINANCE OF ALBANY, LINN AND BENTON COUNTIES, OREGON, CALLING FOR AN ELECTION TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY THE QUESTION OF IMPOSING \$.95 PER \$1,000 ASSESSED VALUE FOR AMBULANCE, FIRE, AND POLICE OPERATIONS BEGINNING IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004 FOR FIVE YEARS.

WHEREAS, the Budget Committee of the City of Albany has 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 ambulance, fire, and police 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 5th day of November 2002.

Section 2. Form of Question. Shall City of Albany impose \$.95/\$1,000 assessed value for Ambulance, Fire, and Police operations for five years beginning 2003-2004?

Section 3. Project Description. The City plans to use tax revenue from this measure to add six Firefighter/EMTs to staff one additional ambulance, a Deputy Fire Marshal and a Fire Life/Safety Educator, four Police Officers, three Civilian Police Report Takers to free up certified officers to deal with emergencies, a Communications Specialist, a Crime Analyst, a Park Ranger, and related equipment and training. Taxes will also 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.

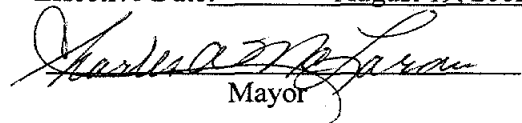
Section 6. Ballot Form The City Attorney shall cause to be delivered to the City Elections Officer a Notice of Levy Election and Ballot Title in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Section 7. Inasmuch as this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the peace, health, and safety of the city of Albany, Oregon, an emergency is hereby declared to exist. This ordinance will be in full force and effect immediately upon passage by the Council and approval by the Mayor.

Passed by Council: August 19, 2002

Approved by the Mayor: August 19, 2002

Effective Date: August 19, 2002


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Recorder

EXHIBIT "A"

CAPTION

Five-year Ambulance, Fire, and Police Operations Local Option Tax

QUESTION

Shall City of Albany impose \$.95/\$1,000 of assessed value for Ambulance, Fire, and Police operations for five years beginning 2003-2004? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

SUMMARY

The number of calls for service from Albany ambulance, fire, and police operations are increasing every year. In 2001-2002, the Fire Department responded to more than 4,900 calls for service, and the Police Department handled more than 24,000 calls.

The City plans to use tax revenue from this measure to add six Firefighter/EMTs to staff one additional ambulance, a Deputy Fire Marshal and a Fire Life/Safety Educator, four Police Officers, three Civilian Police Report Takers to free up certified officers to deal with emergencies, a Communications Specialist, a Crime Analyst, a Park Ranger, and related equipment and training. Taxes will also be used to pay inflationary operating costs for the Fire/Ambulance and Police Departments.

The proposed rate will raise approximately \$1,877,000 in 2003-2004, \$1,933,000 in 2004-2005, \$1,991,000 in 2005-2006, \$2,051,000 in 2006-2007 and \$2,113,000 in 2007-2008, for a total of \$9,965,000.

The estimated tax for this measure is based on information available from Linn and Benton Counties at the time of the estimate.