

Background on Measure 20-195

In November 2006, an operating levy was passed by voters to partially fund Springfield Jail Operations and Police Services. The community is currently entering the final year of levy funding which expires in 2013. Ballot Measure 20-195 would replace the 2006 levy.

Measure 20-195:

Shall Springfield levy \$1.28 per \$1,000 assessed valuation for five years beginning 2013/14 for Springfield jail operations and police services. This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

Election Information:

Election day is November 6, 2012. Ballots will be mailed to Springfield voters on October 19, 2012.

You can pick up a mail-in registration form at any city office, Lane County Elections at 275 W. 10th Avenue in Eugene, the post office or online at www.lanecounty.org.

Your voter registration card must be postmarked no later than October 16, 2012.

For more information:

Contact the City Manager's Office at 541.726.3700

Online at www.springfield-or.gov

Request a speaker to present a fact-based informational presentation by calling 541.726.3700

Details and Summary of the measure:

The current levy for public safety services, expiring June 30, 2013, provides funding for Springfield's 100-bed municipal jail, uniformed police and support personnel and municipal court operations. Passage of this five-year levy would replace the existing levy and maintain existing levels of police and community service response and continue funding for the municipal jail.

Springfield's jail opened in 2010. This levy would continue to provide partial funding for jail operations. Court fines, prisoner fees and leasing jail beds to other agencies would provide other funding. The jail provides space for sentenced defendants and has reduced the number of defendants failing to appear for scheduled court dates. During the first 2 years of operations 3,692 were booked into jail with an average jail population of over 60 inmates per day.

Police services provided by the current levy include uniformed officers, community service officers, dispatchers and record clerks. The current levy has resulted in improved response times for both emergency and non-emergency police calls. Passage of the proposed levy would allow this level of service to continue.

The estimated tax which would be raised by this levy are
2013/14 - \$4,931,092; 2014/15 - \$5,079,025;
2015/16 - \$5,231,396; 2016/17 - \$5,388,337; 2017/18 -
\$5,549,988 for a total of \$26,179,837.

*Further refined estimates required by ORS280.075