

CITY OF NEWPORT

Notice of Receipt of Ballot Title

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that a ballot title for a measure referred by the City Council of the City of Newport has been filed with the City Elections Officer (i.e., City Recorder) on February 21, 2024. An elector may file a petition for review of this ballot title in Lincoln County Circuit Court not later than the seventh business day after the ballot title is filed with the City Recorder pursuant to ORS 250.296.

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, an election will be held in the City of Newport, Oregon. The following question shall be submitted to the electors thereof:

CAPTION

Funding for street resurfacing and reconstruction projects

QUESTION

Shall the City of Newport impose a year-round five cents per gallon tax on the sale of motor vehicle fuel?

SUMMARY

The tax will address street resurfacing and reconstruction needs. A five-cents per gallon tax would generate approximately an additional \$311,000 per year that would be dedicated to street resurfacing and reconstruction projects.

The city has two primary sources of funding for street improvements, including the current local motor vehicle fuel tax of a variable one/three cents per gallon, from which the city recognizes about \$197,000 annually in taxes for the city's street resurfacing program. In addition, the city receives State Shared Revenues and transportation enhancement funds from the State of Oregon.

Based on an analysis conducted on the current level of reinvestment in the street system, the city's street overall index would fall to poor by 2030. In order to maintain a condition index of at least fair to good, the city needs to invest \$2 million per year in the street system. The increase in the motor vehicle fuel tax will be part of the investment needed to meet this target.

It has been determined by the City Elections Officer (i.e., City Recorder) that this referral complies with constitutional requirements.

Any elector who is dissatisfied with the ballot title provided may petition the Lincoln County Circuit Court to review the ballot title issued by the City of Newport. The petition must name the City Attorney as respondent. ORS 250.296

The petition must also state the reasons the ballot title filed with the court is insufficient, not concise, or unfair.

The deadline for filing a petition is at or before 5 p.m. on March 1, 2024.

An elector who files a petition to review the ballot title must notify the City Recorder, in writing, that the petition has been filed not later than 5 p.m. on the next business day following the date the petition is filed.

To obtain copies of the above-referenced ballot title, please contact:

City Recorder, 169 SW Coast Highway, Newport, Oregon 97365 or by email at e.glover@newportoregon.gov and request a copy to be mailed to you.

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