

RESOLUTION No. 2025/26-24
City of Dayton, Oregon

**A Resolution of the Dayton City Council Submitting to the Registered Voters of the City
for Their Approval A Renewal of the Public Safety Levy at a Rate of \$2.42
Per \$1,000 of Assessed Value Annually for 5 Years Beginning in Fiscal Year 2027-2028
to Provide Police Services.**

WHEREAS, policing is a basic and vital city service; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dayton previously placed an operating levy on the ballot for public safety services that was approved by the voters in 2007, 2010, 2012, 2015, 2018 and again in 2022; and

WHEREAS, in February 2022, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 21/22-16, which purported to levy a 6-year local option tax; and

WHEREAS, the voters authorized the local option levy set forth under Resolution No. 21/22-16 at the May 17, 2022, election; and

WHEREAS, the term of the local option levy approved in 2022 should have been for 5 years rather than 6 years as required by state law; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dayton's current local option levy for funding public safety services should expire on June 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed several options to provide such services; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to send a local option tax to the voters for the November 3, 2026, General Election to renew the current levy without an increase in taxes; and

WHEREAS, this proposed tax measure is outside the limitations imposed by Section 11, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution and must be submitted to the voters of the City for their approval:

The City of Dayton Resolves as Follows:

SECTION 1: An election is hereby called in and for the City of Dayton, Yamhill County, Oregon for the purpose of submitting to the legal voters of said city the following:

QUESTION: Shall Dayton renew the operating levy of \$2.42 per \$1,000

assessed value for 5 years for police services beginning 2027-2028? This measure renews current local option taxes.

SECTION 2: Tuesday, November 3, 2026, is hereby designated as the date for holding the election for the purpose of voting on the measure as stated in Section 1 of this resolution.

SECTION 3: The election will be held by mail-in ballot in the City of Dayton, Yamhill County, Oregon.

SECTION 4: The precincts for said election shall be and constitute all of the territory included within the corporate limits of the City of Dayton.

SECTION 5: The ballot title to appear on the ballots shall be:

CAPTION: 5 YEAR RENEWAL OF PUBLIC SAFETY TAX FOR POLICE SERVICES

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SUMMARY: The levy would fund the current Yamhill County deputy sheriff to provide police service exclusively in the City and would include the following services: Municipal Court, Court/Records Clerk, 9-1-1 services and other related administrative and support services including but not limited to costs related to the levy itself.

The City contracts its public safety services through an intergovernmental agreement with Yamhill County and receives numerous public safety benefits for the cost of service.

The City's current law enforcement local option tax by law will expire on June 30, 2027. The current tax funds a one full-time sheriff deputy, and one half-time code enforcement officer. It also funds Municipal Court, 9-1-1 services and support services.

The estimated total amount of the levy is \$427,878 per year for 5 years. A home assessed at \$100,000.00 would pay \$242 annually.

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

SECTION 6: In compliance with ORS 251.345, the City Recorder is hereby authorized to submit an impartial explanatory statement for the Yamhill County Voters' Pamphlet on behalf of the City.

SECTION 7: In the event of any inconsistencies between this Resolution 2025/26-24, and Resolution 21/22-16, the provisions of this Resolution 2025/26-24 shall control.

SECTION 8: A copy of the ballot title shall be published in the next available edition of a newspaper of general distribution in the City as well as notice of the seven-day ballot challenge period as required in ORS 250.296.

SECTION 9: This resolution is effective immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 13th day of July 2026.

In Favor: Frank, Hildebrandt, Mackin, Pederson, Teichroew

Opposed: Hover

Absent: Wilkins

Abstained:

Annette Frank, Mayor

Date Signed

ATTEST:

Rocio Vargas, City Recorder

Date of Enactment