

Message from the Clerk...

Dear Marion County Voter,

You are receiving this notice because you live in one of the cities or districts that are conducting a November 4 Election. Not all cities and districts are conducting an election this November. All Marion County and Oregon voters will be voting next year in the 2026 May Primary and the 2026 November General Election.

Please review this flyer for important dates and directions for making your voice count. Please contact the County Clerk’s office at 503-588-5041 with any questions. We are here to help.

We offer a free text and email notification service for you to track your ballot. Sign up at www.marioncountyclerk.ballottrax.net/voter or on our website.

Thank you for helping make democracy work by being an informed voter. You are welcome to come visit our office and observe the election processes.

Sincerely,

Bill Burgess
Marion County Clerk

Official Marion County
Ballot Drop Sites

The Marion County drop sites listed below will be open beginning October 15th. On Election Day, November 4th, drop sites will remain open until 8:00 pm. You DO NOT need to apply postage if you use an Official Marion County Drop Box or mail within the United States.

Marion County Clerk 555 Court St NE, Ste 2130 Salem	M-F 8am - 5pm Election Day 7am - 8pm
Woodburn Public Library 280 Garfield St, Woodburn	Curbside Dropbox 24 Hours
Stayton Public Library 592 N First Ave, Stayton	Curbside Dropbox 24 Hours

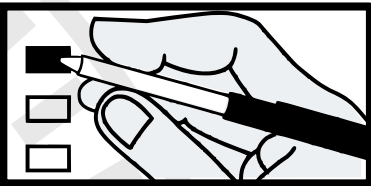
Registration Deadline for
New Voters

The new Voter registration deadline for this election was October 14, 2025. A voter must be a US citizen, a resident, and at least 18 years old by Election Day. Previously registered Oregon voters can update their registration by Election Night. If a voter spoils or otherwise needs a replacement ballot, or needs help in marking their ballot, they can contact the Clerk’s Office.

Voting Instructions

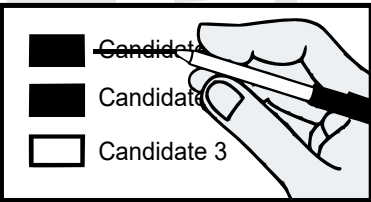
Making selections

Completely fill in the box to the left of your choices. Selecting more than the allowed choices is not permitted. Doing so will result in an overvote and no votes for the contest will be counted. Failing to fill in a box will result in an undervote and no votes for the contest will be counted.



How to correct a mistake

If you make a mistake, draw a line through the measure response or candidate’s name. Then, make the selection that you intended to make. To make your intent clear you may write, “this one” or a “←” next to the selection of your choice.



Track Your Ballot

Sign up for updates about your Ballot
from the Marion County Clerk

The Marion County Clerk is offering a program to voters in Marion County that allows them to track the status of their ballot through automated notifications.



Participating voters will have the option of receiving text, email, or voice alerts at several points on their ballot’s journey.

If you have any questions about this service, please call the Marion County Clerk’s Office at 503.588.5041.

Sign up today to begin receiving messages:
marioncountyclerk.ballottrax.net/voter

Translation Services

Selected portions of this county voters’ pamphlet are available in Simplified Chinese, Korean, Marshallese, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese. These translations can be found online at oregonvotes.gov/MarionVP

本县选民手册的部分内容提供简体中文版本。可以访问 oregonvotes.gov/MarionVP 获取译本。

주 유권자 pamphlet의 선택된 부분은 한국어 준비되어 있습니다. 번역은 온라인 oregonvotes.gov/MarionVP에서 찾아볼 수 있습니다.

Mōttan melele ko emōj kelet ie ilo peba eo an ribout ilo county ewōr ilo Kajin Majol. Kwōmaron loe ukok kein online ilo oregonvotes.gov/MarionVP

Отдельные части брошюр избирателей этого округа доступны на русском языке. С данными переводами можно ознакомиться в Интернете по адресу: oregonvotes.gov/MarionVP

Algunas secciones de este folleto para votantes del condado están disponibles en español. Estas traducciones están disponibles en línea en oregonvotes.gov/MarionVP

Các phần được chọn trong tập thông tin cử tri quận này có bản ngôn ngữ tiếng Việt. Bản dịch có thể xem trực tuyến tại oregonvotes.gov/MarionVP

Marion County
VOTERS' PAMPHLET

Special Election
November 4 2025



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Measure 24-515

City of Stayton

Five Year Local Option Tax for Parks and Pool Operations

Question: Shall City of Stayton impose \$1.10 per \$1,000 of assessed value for recreational operations for five years beginning July 2026? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

Summary: The City of Stayton is seeking a five-year local option tax of \$1.10 per \$1,000 of assessed value, beginning fiscal year 2026-2027, to continue funding support of city parks and the Stayton Family Memorial Pool.

The proposed tax would replace the five-year local option tax of \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value which passed in 2021, and ends June 30, 2026.

If adopted, the levy will enable maintaining current levels of service and operations for the City's eleven parks and natural areas as well as the City's public pool. The levy will also help fund upcoming planned park and pool improvements.

Without the funding from this levy, the City will face immediate financial decisions that would include: cutting back operational hours or closing the pool; deferring necessary pool maintenance; reducing upkeep of city parks; canceling planned park system improvements; and park closures. With the funding provided by this proposed levy, the City plans to invest in its parks and the pool to continue providing a wide variety of recreational opportunities to City residents.

The proposed rate will raise approximately \$909,729 in 2026-27, \$937,021 in 2027-28, \$965,131 in 2028-29, \$994,085 in 2029-30, and \$1,023,908 in 2030-31 for a total of \$4,829,874.

Explanatory Statement:
The Stayton City Council referred this local option tax measure to the City's voters. If approved by the voters, this measure creates a five-year local option tax of \$1.10 per \$1,000 of assessed value starting July 1, 2026 to fund continued operations of the City's parks and the Stayton Family Memorial Pool. This proposed tax would replace the current five-year local option tax approved in 2021, of \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value which expires June 30, 2026.

Historically, the City funded parks and the pool through levies that also supported other services such as the library. However, at the May 2021 election, the City introduced separate levies, one levy dedicated to library operations and a second levy dedicated to operations for the City's parks and pool.

The City currently maintains and operates 138 acres of land for developed parks and natural areas. Operation of these assets includes the staff time, equipment, and materials for keeping the properties mowed, clean, and healthy. With the increase in personnel costs, along with the increase in equipment and materials costs, the current levy rate would not fund the full extent of operational needs for the City's parks. With the proposed levy, the City will meet operational needs and aims to expand open spaces by developing new parks and reopening Wilderness Park through a contract with the Santiam Water Control District. Without the proposed levy, rather than expanding services, the City would be faced with the prospects of reducing park services, limiting park maintenance, and cutting back on park access.

The Stayton Family Memorial Pool operates approximately 60 hours per week and provides programing for both youth and adults. Maintaining the pool not only consists of the staff and materials for daily operations but also includes staying current on maintenance projects and improvement projects. Last year, the City commissioned a pool facility audit that will help guide the City in ensuring the pool stays operational for years to come. The audit identified several projects

that would cost up to \$920,000. While the pool does generate some revenue through user fees, these fees do not fully fund pool operations. Without funding from the proposed levy, the City would be faced with making significant cuts to pool operations, including reduced hours, and potentially deferring required improvements that would jeopardize the long-term functioning of the facility. Closing the pool would also be considered if the levy fails.

The City's recreational services are guided by a citizen-volunteer Parks and Recreation Board, which recommends priorities for services and spending of levy revenue. This Board helps oversee operations of the City's parks and provides input on planning recreational programs throughout the City.

The proposed tax rate of \$1.10 per \$1,000 of assessed value would result in an estimated annual payment from property owners of \$277, based on the current average assessed home value in Stayton of \$252,000. It is important to note that the assessed value is not the same as the market value of a home.

No Arguments in Opposition were filed

Argument In Favor

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Vote YES to Keep Stayton Livable

Stayton's parks and community pool are the heart of our city. They bring families together, give kids a safe place to play, provide space for community events, and offer recreation for residents of all ages. Without dedicated funding, these essential services cannot continue at their current level.

The proposed levy—**\$1.10 per \$1,000 of assessed property value for five years, beginning July 2026**—will generate the revenue needed to maintain and operate:

- **Stayton Family Memorial Pool** – keeping it open year-round for swim lessons, youth programs, seniors, and families.
- **City Parks & Trails** – safe, clean playgrounds, sports fields, shelters, and walking paths.
- **Wilderness Park** – reopening this beloved natural area through a new lease with the Santiam Water Control District, supported by levy funding for an additional 0.5 staff position.

For a home assessed at Stayton's average value of **\$252,000**, the levy would cost about **\$277 per year** (about **\$23 per month**). That's an increase from the current levy's cost of about **\$10.50 per month**, but this investment directly funds our parks, pool, and the efforts to reopen Wilderness Park.

Strong parks and recreation don't just serve residents — they also make Stayton a place where people want to continue to visit, shop, and do business. That helps keep our local economy healthy, supporting restaurants, shops, and services that we all enjoy.

Without this levy, Stayton will face painful cuts: the pool may close, programs will shrink, and our parks will decline without desperately needed maintenance. This is not the Stayton we want for our families, neighbors, or future.

- By voting **YES**, we can:
- Protect our pool and parks.
 - Reopen **Wilderness Park** for public use.
 - Keep Stayton a great place to raise a family.

Let's come together as a community to **Keep Stayton Livable** by voting **YES** on the Parks and Pool Levy.