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Marion County Clerk

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR PRINTING IN THE
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Elections Division

The City of Stayton is seeking a five year local option tax of \$0.70 per \$1,000 of assessed value for continued operating support of the City's library, parks, and pool programs beginning in Fiscal Year 2021-22. The proposed tax will take the place of the existing four year local option tax passed in 2016, which ends Fiscal Year 2020-21. The levy is necessary to maintain current levels of service, operations and assist with capital improvements for the Stayton Public Library, Stayton Family Memorial Pool, and local parks and trails.

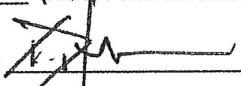
Due to the property tax limitations imposed by statewide Measures 47 and 50 in the mid-90s, the City cannot increase its established permanent tax rate, even if supported by a majority of citizens. Accordingly, the City must rely on voted local option tax levies to augment its operating budget.

Stayton's first local option tax for the support of the library, pool, and parks was passed by voters in November 1998. Subsequent local option tax measures were passed in May 2002, May 2004, May 2008, May 2012, and May 2016.

Over the five year life of the proposed levy, approximately 45% would go toward maintaining the current level of operating support for the Stayton Public Library. Approximately 45% would go toward maintaining the current level of operating support for the Stayton Family Memorial Pool. Approximately 10% would go to maintenance and upkeep of City Parks and Trails.

According to the Marion County Assessor, the median Assessed Value for a home in Stayton is \$178,395. At a tax rate tax of \$0.70 per \$1,000 of assessed value, the average homeowner would see an estimated monthly fee of \$10. The proposed rate will raise approximately \$2,260,879 over the five years; an allowance has been made for uncollected taxes.

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