

## Recently passed bonds and levies in Multnomah County

It's that time of year again. Soon, property owners will get their tax statements in the mail. Multnomah County's Division of Assessment, Taxation, and Recording mails tax statements before October 25 each year. **Payments are due November 16, 2020.**

Like so many, you may have questions about your tax statement such as: why are my property taxes so much higher than my neighbors'; what is my Maximum Assessed Value; or why are my property taxes so much higher this year than in the past?

Remember, each property is different. Tax assessments take into account many factors including when and where your home is located, what improvements have been made or when it was last assessed by the County Assessor, just to name a few.

Taxes can also increase with bonds or levies approved by voters in your taxing district or may decrease when those bonds or levies expire.

Recently passed levies and bonds are listed below:

### Measure 26-203

**Water quality, fish, wildlife habitat, natural areas**

Passed November 2019

Rate: \$0.19 per \$1,000 Assessed Value

Metro, 503-797-1754

Authorize \$475 million in general obligation bonds to continue regional programs to protect and improve water quality in local rivers and streams, and help salmon and other native fish.

### Measure 26-207

**Levy Renewal to Maintain Teaching Positions and Classroom Supports**

Passed November 2019

Rate: \$1.99 per \$1,000 Assessed Value

Portland School District, 503-916-3380

Portland Public Schools' current local option levy was approved by voters in 2014 to provide funding for schools over 5 years. The renewed levy will provide an estimated \$99.9 million in the first year. Over the past five years, the levy has funded an average of 825 teaching positions each year and, if approved, the renewed levy is projected to maintain that average over the next five years.

### Measure 26-206

**Continuation of Five-Year Local Option Levy for General Operating Purposes**

Passed November 2019

Rate: \$0.35 per \$1,000 Assessed Value

Sauvie Island Fire Department, 503-621-1242

The taxes proposed will be used for general operating purposes for the Sauvie Island R.F.P.D. #30J. Anticipated uses of funds include state required medical testing for all firefighters, required Federal and OSHA testing of equipment and of firefighters use of equipment, physical testing of firefighters and their abilities, annual servicing and safety inspections of vehicles and equipment, including funds for replacement, and continuing volunteer training and certification.

## **Measure 26-208**

### **Authorizes General Obligation Bonds for School Security and Facility Improvements**

Passed May 2020

Rate: \$1.19 per \$1,000 Assessed Value

Centennial School District, 503-760-7990

It is estimated that this measure would not increase current tax rates due to the expiration of existing debt.

The State awarded Centennial School District No. 28Jt a \$7,494,690 matching grant if the bonds are approved. If bonds are not approved, grant funds will be distributed to another district. The bonds will fund school facility capital projects.

Questions regarding a specific bond or levy should be directed to the district.