

# Notice of Measure Election

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| <b>Notice</b>                           |   |   |
| <b>Date of Notice</b><br>August 5, 2020 | <b>Name of City or Cities</b><br>City of Portland | <b>Date of Election</b><br>November 3, 2020 |

**Final Ballot Title** The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the city's voters. The ballot title notice has been published and the ballot title challenge process has been completed.

**Caption** 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure.

See attached

**Question** 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.

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**Summary** 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.

See attached

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**Explanatory Statement** 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect.

If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be drafted and attached to this form for:  
→ any measure referred by the city governing body; or  
→ any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.

**Explanatory Statement Attached?**  Yes  No

**Authorized City Official** Not required to be notarized.

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| <b>Name</b><br>Ted Wheeler | <b>Title</b><br>Mayor |
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*By signing this document:*  
→ I hereby state that I am authorized by the city to submit this Notice of Measure Election; and  
→ I certify that notice of receipt of ballot title has been published and the ballot title challenge process for this measure completed.

August 5, 2020

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| <b>Signature</b> | <b>Date Signed</b> |
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## Ballot Title

**Caption:** Restore recreation programs, parks, nature, water through five-year levy

**Question:** Shall Portland protect, restore recreation programs, parks, nature, clean water; 5-year operating levy, \$0.80 per \$1,000 assessed value, beginning 2021? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

**Summary:** Levy will prevent ongoing reductions to park services and recreation programs, preserve and restore park and natural area health, and center equity and affordable access for all.

Levy funds will:

- Enhance and preserve parks, rivers, wetlands, trees, and other important natural features in urban areas for the benefit of all Portlanders and wildlife;
- Provide park and recreation services to diverse populations including communities of color, seniors, teens, households experiencing poverty, immigrants and refugees, and people living with disabilities;
- Increase opportunities for communities of color and children experiencing poverty to connect with nature;
- Prevent cuts to recreation programs, closures of community centers and pools; and
- Enhance park maintenance to keep parks clean and safe, including litter and hazardous waste removal, restroom cleaning, and playground safety.

If levy fails, service improvements and restoration described above will not occur; taxes will not increase.

A five-member oversight committee will review levy expenditures, provide annual reports. Independent audit required.

Levy is \$0.80 per \$1,000 assessed home value. The proposed rate will raise approximately \$44,735,000, in 2021–2022, \$46,240,000 in 2022–2023, \$47,705,000 in 2023–2024, \$49,262,000 in 2024–2025, and \$51,135,000 in 2025–2026, for a total of \$239,078,000.

A median residential homeowner pays \$151 per year, or about \$13 per month.

## EXHIBIT D Explanatory Statement

This Measure would allow the City of Portland to levy \$0.80 per \$1,000 assessed value for five years for the purpose of operating the park system. The services and programs to be funded by this measure are planned to include, but are not limited to:

- Protect water quality and wildlife habitat, control erosion, remove invasive species in 8,000 acres of natural area.
- Deliver recreational programs, including, but not limited to, environmental education and access to nature for youth, summer camps, family-friendly movies and concerts, fitness and arts classes, teen- and senior-focused programs, life-saving swim lessons, and a summer playground program serving free lunches to children experiencing hunger.
- Remove financial barriers for low-income households by ending current dependence on recreation fee revenues, allowing an equity-focused delivery of community events and programs and reducing the likelihood of further cuts to recreation offerings.
- Clean litter and hazardous waste in parks and natural areas, maintain grounds and landscaping, provide safety checks on play equipment, improve preventative and traditional maintenance.
- Keep public restrooms open and cleaner.
- Plant new trees in communities where today canopy coverage is lower, to improve air and water quality, diminish the impacts of climate change, and provide wildlife habitat.
- Protect Portland's 1.2 million park trees by performing proactive maintenance, safety checks, hazard removal, and replacement of damaged trees in parks and natural areas.
- Modernize data systems to improve internal efficiency.
- Prioritize services for communities of color and households experiencing poverty, including equity-centered engagement and outreach, community partnership grants, and increased engagement with volunteer and partner groups.

A community oversight committee will be appointed to review levy expenditures and to report annually to City Council. The Measure also directs the Bureau to provide for a performance audit to ensure that services funded by the levy are consistent with voter intent.

The City estimates that the levy tax rate of \$0.80/\$1,000 assessed value would cost a median residential property approximately \$13 per month, and would raise approximately \$45 million in the first year, with an estimated average of \$48 million raised each year for the five-year period. If this Measure is not approved, taxes for Park services will not be assessed.

Submitted by:  
City of Portland City Council  
Mayor Ted Wheeler