

Notice of Measure Election

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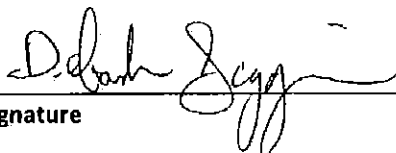
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Notice		
Date of Notice 8/12/16	Name of City or Cities City of Portland	Date of Election 11/8/16
Final Ballot Title The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the city's voters. The ballot title notice has been published 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. See attached		
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? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Authorized City Official Not required to be notarized.		
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<i>By signing this document:</i> → 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.		

Signature



Date Signed

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Ballot Title for Tax on Recreational Marijuana Sales

CAPTION

Establish tax on recreational marijuana sales; dedicate purposes for funds

QUESTION

Shall Portland establish 3% tax on recreational marijuana sales; fund drug, alcohol treatment; public safety; support neighborhood small businesses?

SUMMARY

Measure establishes a tax of three percent on recreational marijuana sales within the City of Portland. Measure is expected to raise \$3 million per year. Sales of marijuana to medical marijuana cardholders shall not be taxed. The 2015 Legislature reduced the state tax on recreational marijuana sales from 25% to 17% effective January 1, 2017, and allowed local jurisdictions to ask for voter approval of a 3% local tax. Net proceeds from the tax will be dedicated to drug and alcohol education and treatment programs, services that increase access to these programs, and rehabilitation services; public safety investments, such as police DUII training and enforcement, firefighter paramedics, street infrastructure that improves safety; support for neighborhood small businesses, especially women-owned and minority-owned businesses; and providing economic opportunity and education to communities disproportionately impacted by cannabis prohibition. Requires independent City Budget Office oversight, annual public reporting, annual City Council vote on allocations, periodic audits on use of funds.

Measure Explanatory Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet

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Filing Information

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Ballot Title Caption

Establish tax on recreational marijuana sales; dedicate purposes for funds

Name of Person responsible for content of 'Explanatory Statement' (as it should appear in the Voters' Pamphlet):

Commissioner Amanda Fritz

Name of Jurisdiction/Organization Person Is authorized to represent (as it should appear in the Voters' Pamphlet):

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SIGNATURE

Amanda Fritz

Signature of person responsible for content of 'Explanatory Statement'

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Date

MEASURE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

See attached for 'Measure Explanatory Statement' (500 word/number MAX).

For Office Use only:

County: Multnomah

Signed? Yes No

'Measure Explanatory Statement' attached?

Yes No

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Measure establishes a tax of three percent on recreational marijuana sales within the City of Portland. Sales of medical marijuana to Oregon Medical Marijuana Program (OMMP) cardholders would be exempt from this tax.

In November, 2014, Oregon voters approved Measure 91, legalizing the sale and consumption of marijuana, and allowing local governments a limited scope of regulatory authority over licensed premises that grow, produce, sell, and transfer marijuana and marijuana items.

The 2015 Oregon Legislature allowed for local jurisdictions to seek voter approval for a local tax of up to three percent on recreational sales at a general election. The current state tax on recreational marijuana sales is 25%, but this will drop to 17% beginning January 1, 2017. If a three percent local tax is approved, it will result in a total tax of 20% to businesses for recreational marijuana sales.

Currently, one tenth of state tax revenues after costs are distributed to cities for enforcement of Measure 91. The City of Portland's Marijuana Policy Program was established by Council in November 2014 to oversee marijuana business licensing and compliance and address community and industry concerns, and its costs are covered by license and application fees.

In its resolution referring this ballot measure, the Portland City Council recognized that voters' approval of Measure 91 indicated a desire for the safe integration of a legitimate and regulated marijuana industry into the community that allows the industry to operate while also ensuring that public safety and livability are maintained and protected.

The funds collected from the tax on recreational marijuana sales, which are estimated to be \$3 million per year, shall be dedicated for the purposes of:

- Drug and alcohol education and treatment programs, including but not limited to services that increase access to these programs and programs that support rehabilitation and employment readiness
- Public safety investments to reduce impacts of drug and alcohol abuse such as police DUII training and enforcement, support for firefighter paramedics, street infrastructure projects that improve safety, other initiatives to reduce the impacts of drug and alcohol abuse
- Support for neighborhood small businesses, especially women-owned and minority-owned businesses, including but not limited to business incubator programs, management training, and job training opportunities; and providing economic opportunity and education to communities disproportionately-impacted by cannabis prohibition

The tax on recreational marijuana sales would be subject to independent City Budget Office oversight, annual public reporting, an annual City Council vote on allocation, and periodic audits on the use of funds by the City Auditor or an independent contractor.