

Multnomah County

VOTERS' PAMPHLET

Special Election Nov. 3, 2015

Dear City of Troutdale Voter:

This Voters' Pamphlet is for the November 3, 2015 Special Election. This is a Special Election with one ballot measure for voters in the City of Troutdale. Here are a few things you should know.

- You might notice your enclosed ballot looks a little different. Multnomah County has a new voting system, with a new ballot design and digital counting system. This new technology will expedite ballot tabulation and improve elections transparency. If you'd like more information, please visit our website at www.mcelections.org.
- You can view your voting status by visiting My Vote at www.oregonvotes.gov. There you can check or update your voter registration record.
- If you want to track the status of your ballot, please visit <https://multco.us/elections/track-your-ballot> to opt in and sign up to track your ballot.
- One first class stamp is all you need to mail the ballot back in Multnomah County.
- Voted ballots **MUST** be received at our office or official drop site location by **8:00 PM, Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2015** to be counted.
- Additional election information is available on our website: www.mcelections.org.

If you have any questions you can contact our office at: 503-988-3720.

Sincerely,



Tim Scott

Multnomah County Director of Elections



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Official Drop Sites For Troutdale Voters

You can drop your ballot off at the following Drop Sites until 8 pm Election night, Nov. 3, 2015.



- **Drop box in Troutdale Library** - 2451 SW Cherry Park Rd, Troutdale - open Mon & Tue noon – 8pm, Wed – Sat 10am – 6pm, Sun noon – 5 pm.
- **Drop box in Gresham Library** - 385 NW Miller Ave, Gresham open Mon, Fri & Sat 10 am 6 pm, Tue 10 am - 8 pm, Wed & Thur noon – 8 pm, Sun 10 am – 5 pm.
- **24-hour drop box at Gresham Library** - 385 NW Miller Ave, Gresham - Located on the north side of the Gresham library parking lot.
- **24-hour drop box at Multnomah Co. Elections** - 1040 SE Morrison St, Portland. 24-hour drop box located on SE 11th between Morrison and Belmont. A walk/bike-up drop slot is also located at the corner of SE 11th and Morrison on SE Morrison. *Please note, because of nearby construction, traffic around the Elections building may be congested.*

City of Troutdale

Measure 26-168

Ballot Title

Authorizes Phase in of Tax on Motor Vehicle Fuels

Question: Shall Troutdale phase in motor vehicle fuels tax of three (3) cents per gallon over three years to maintain streets?

Summary: This measure authorizes the City of Troutdale to collect a tax on motor vehicle fuels sold within the city. The tax will be one (1) cent per gallon in 2016, two (2) cents in 2017 and three (3) cents per gallon thereafter.

The proceeds would be dedicated to support ongoing maintenance of Troutdale's streets. The maintenance of local streets is currently paid with Troutdale's share of state gas tax funds, which are declining and no longer enough to support the City's cost-saving preventative maintenance program.

Under Oregon law, revenue from the tax can be used only for the construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair, maintenance and operation of streets in Troutdale.

The proceeds will support the City of Troutdale's Pavement Preservation Program, which performs ongoing preventative maintenance to avoid more costly street reconstruction and replacement.

Troutdale City Council will also adopt by resolution a public reporting system to track tax revenues and program expenditures to assure accountability, with reports made available to the public.

If approved, the measure will take effect on January 1, 2016.

The maintenance of local streets is currently paid with Troutdale's share of state gas tax funds, which are declining and no longer enough to support the City's cost-saving preventative maintenance program. Oregon has increased the state gas tax only once in the past 22 years.

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Oregon statutes authorize cities to enact a tax on motor vehicle fuels only after submitting the proposed tax for voter approval (ORS 319.950). If approved by voters, the measure will take effect on January 1, 2016. Twenty-one Oregon cities have already enacted a gas tax.

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Summary of Troutdale's Local Motor Vehicle Fuels Tax

- Troutdale has a program to systematically maintain all city streets. Each maintenance cycle adds 5 to 10 years to their life.
Every \$1 spent on preservation saves up to \$5 for rehabilitation or \$12 for reconstruction.
Troutdale City Council is proposing the Motor Vehicle Fuels Tax to adequately fund street maintenance.
Local fuels taxes must be approved by voters. 21 Oregon cities have already enacted a gas tax.
By law, the funds can only be used in Troutdale - and only for road maintenance.

Submitted by: Doug Daoust, Mayor City of Troutdale

Explanatory Statement

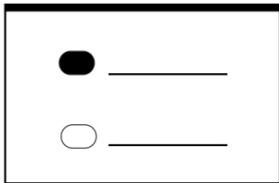
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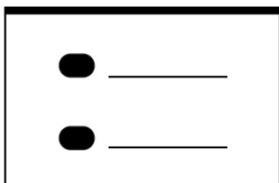
No arguments in favor or opposition to this measure were filed.

Check Your Ballot!

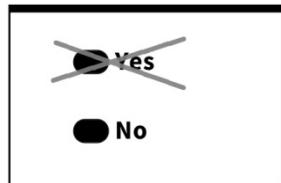
Make sure you have completely filled in the oval next to your choice.



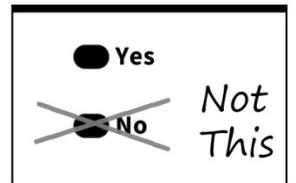
If you vote both Yes and No on a measure, it is called an overvote. Your vote will not count for that measure.



If you make a mistake or change your mind while marking your ballot, you may request a replacement ballot from the Elections office or you may make your changes on the ballot. It is critical that you make your choice obvious because election workers will inspect each ballot to make sure voter intent is understood and the ballot is counted correctly. Two examples of how to make your intent clear are below.



OR



Contact Multnomah County Elections Division to request assistance if:

- you make a mistake
your ballot is damaged
your ballot is lost

or for any other reason.

Contact: Multnomah County Elections Division
phone: 503-988-3720
website: www.mcelections.org
email: elections@multco.us
Oregon Relay Service: 1-800-735-2900