

**Notice of Measure Election**  
City

26-157

**SEL 802**

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<b>Notice</b>		
Date of Notice March 5, 2014	Name of City or Cities City of Gresham	Date of Election May 20, 2014

The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the city's voters.

**Final Ballot Title** Notice of receipt of ballot title has been published and the ballot title challenge process has been completed.

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

Five-Year Local Option Levy For Police, Fire, and Parks

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

Shall Gresham levy \$1.25 per \$1,000 of assessed value for five years beginning 2014-2015 for police, fire, and parks? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

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

Revenue generated from this levy would fund police, fire, and parks services, with 95% of the revenue going to public safety and 5% of the revenue going to parks. The City of Gresham would use the revenue to fund police, fire, and parks services, and maintain the services that were funded by the temporary \$7.50 per month Police, Fire, and Parks Fee, which is set to expire on June 30, 2014 and would no longer be collected on utility bills. The City Council has established the following priorities for levy funds: targeting gang activity, keeping fire stations open and operating, maintaining police, fire, and emergency service response times, and addressing crimes that impact neighborhood livability. Levy revenue would be placed in a dedicated and protected fund for the specific purpose of providing police, fire, and parks services. The City's Finance Committee, which is made up of citizen volunteers, would provide oversight over the use of levy revenue.

This local option levy would expire in five years. The proposed rate would generate approximately \$5,443,132 in 2014-2015; \$6,126,679 in 2015-2016; \$6,824,353 in 2016-2017; \$7,532,113 in 2017-2018; and \$8,227,201 in 2018-2019, for a total of \$34,153,478.

**Explanatory Statement** 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect, if required attach to this form

If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be submitted for any measure referred by the city governing body and if required by local ordinance, for any initiative or referendum.

Measure Type	County producing voters' pamphlet	Local ordinance requiring submission	Explanatory statement required
<input type="checkbox"/> Referral	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Initiative	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referendum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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

→ 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.

Name Susanjoy Baskoro	Title Certified City Recorder	Work Phone 503-618-2697
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*Susanjoy Baskoro, CMC*  
Signature

March 5, 2014  
Date Signed

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 DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS  
 TIM SCOTT

# MEASURE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

## Required for all Measures Submitted with Multnomah County Elections

ELECTION DATE <b>May 20, 2014</b>		MEASURE NUMBER <b>26-157</b>
BALLOT TITLE CAPTION <b>Five-Year Local Option Levy For Police, Fire , and Parks</b>		
NAME OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTENT OF STATEMENT <b>Susanjoy Baskoro</b>		
NAME OF JURISDICTION PERSON REPRESENTS <b>City of Gresham</b>		
E-MAIL <b>Susanjoy.Baskoro@GreshamOregon.gov</b>	TELEPHONE NUMBER <b>503-618-2697</b>	FAX NUMBER <b>503-665-4553</b>

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Over the past few years, Gresham's Long-Term Revenue Roadmap project has been the topic of public outreach including seven town-hall style community meetings, five City Council meetings, forums with the Coalition of Gresham Neighborhoods and the Chamber of Commerce, and multiple citywide mailings.

The City of Gresham communicated with residents about Oregon's property tax system, which set Gresham's permanent property tax rate at \$3.61 per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value, one of the lowest rates of any major city in Oregon. In a recent study of the average household tax and fee burden, the average Gresham household cost for conventional General Fund services including police, fire and parks was the lowest of Oregon's 10 largest cities.

In the fall of 2012, the Gresham City Council approved a \$7.50 per month Police, Fire, and Parks Fee as a temporary measure to prevent immediate service reductions. The temporary fee expires on June 30, 2014. Community feedback regarding Gresham's Long-Term Revenue Roadmap was to replace the temporary fee with a voter approved local option property tax levy.

Gresham's permanent tax rate impacts police and fire services. Of the Oregon cities tracked by Federal Bureau of Investigation statistics, without the police positions funded by the temporary fee, Gresham would have the next to lowest ratio of police officers per capita of Oregon cities. In a recent analysis of fire/emergency service staffing in urban populations similar in size to Gresham's service area, Gresham ranked 38 out of 40 in fire/emergency service employees per capita.

Ninety-five percent of levy revenue would be used for police and fire/emergency services. The City of Gresham has identified the following priorities for public safety: enforcement and prevention of gang activity, police and fire response times, keeping fire stations open, and addressing crimes that impact neighborhood livability.

The remaining 5 percent of the levy would be used for Gresham's parks system. The City of Gresham has established keeping Gresham's parks open, clean, safe, maintained and accessible as priorities for the parks portion of levy revenue.

Levy funds would be placed in a dedicated and protected fund, and used only for police, fire/emergency services, and parks maintenance. The City's Finance Committee, which is made up of citizen volunteers, would provide oversight over the use of levy revenue.

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WORD/NUMBER COUNT TOTAL (500 word/number limit) 375

*Susanjoy Baskoro, CMC*  
SIGNATURE OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTENT OF STATEMENT

March 5, 2014  
DATE