

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 15.**

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 26-197

Renewal of Children's Levy

Passed May 2018

City of Portland, 503-823-6954

The third renewal of the original levy passed in 2002. Raises money each year through 2023 to fund early childhood programs, help for foster children, anti-child abuse efforts and similar services.

Measure 26-198

Renewal of Local Option Levy

Passed November 2018

Riverdale Fire, 503-349-9820

The third renewal of the original levy passed in 2002. Raises money for the annual cost of emergency fire and medical services provided to Riverdale residents.

Measure 26-199

Affordable Housing

Passed November 2018

Metro, 503-797-1829

Funds affordable housing in Multnomah, Washington, and Clackamas counties. Bonds will be used to build housing for low-income households. Purchase, rehab and preserve affordability of existing housing. Buy land for affordable housing and help prevent displacement.

Measure 3-547

Renewal of Local Option Levy

Passed May 2019

Lake Oswego School District, 503-534-2308

Renewal of local option levy that would provide funds to preserve and expand current programs and operations, including preservation of over 80 current teacher and other staff positions funded by the current levy. Also maintain class sizes; increase individual instructional opportunities, enhance programs by hiring up to 20 additional teachers. Preserve and expand vocational, technical and STEM programs at all schools, including computer science education, to improve college and career readiness. Preserve and expand reading, early literacy, mental health support for all students. Fund enhanced safety and security on school campuses.

Measure 3-548

Open Space, Park and Recreation Land and Facilities

Passed May 2019

City of Lake Oswego, 503-675-2549

The uses of the bond proceeds are limited to the following types of land acquisition and improvements. Acquisition of park property, both for natural open space and for park land that can be used for active or passive recreation. Proceeds could be used to acquire land for open space and parks within the city limits, as well as within nearby unincorporated areas where acquisition is determined to be in the City's long-term interests. Renovation and replacement of park improvements and facilities. Development of new park and recreation improvements and facilities that meet the needs of the community.

Measure 34-286

Local Option Levy

Passed May 2019

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, 503-259-1115

Funds current firefighters and paramedics. Funding for other staff positions that support Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue operations. Proceeds will also be used to purchase land for future fire stations, fire hose, firefighting tools, and medical equipment.

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

