RESOLUTION 6477

A RESOLUTION OF ALBANY, LINN AND BENTON COUNTIES, OREGON, CALLING FOR AN ELECTION TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY THE QUESTION OF RENEWING A LEVY AT \$1.15 PER \$1,000 ASSESSED VALUE FOR AMBULANCE, FIRE, AND POLICE OPERATIONS BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 FOR FIVE YEARS.

WHEREAS, the Budget Committee of the City of Albany found that revenues are needed to enhance essential services provided for everyone's use and protection beginning in the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 and recommended that a five-year public safety operating levy be submitted to the legal voters of the City of Albany; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Albany supports the value of continuing to provide quality services to the citizens of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1. Date of Election.</u> A levy election with the question set forth in Section 2 of this resolution shall be submitted in the manner prescribed herein to the legal voters residing within the City of Albany, on the 17th day of May 2016.

<u>Section 2. Form of Question.</u> Shall Albany impose \$1.15 per \$1,000 assessed value for Ambulance, Fire, Police operations for five more years beginning 2016-2017? This measure renews current local option taxes.

<u>Section 3. Project Description.</u> The City plans to use tax revenue from this measure to continue funding for Firefighter/EMTs, fire marshal and emergency services positions to maintain fire prevention and public education at current levels, and continue funding for Police Officers, Community Service Officers, and communications and crime analyst positions together with related equipment and training. Taxes will also continue to be used to pay inflationary operating costs for the Fire/Ambulance and Police Departments.

Section 4. Hours of Election. The election shall be conducted as a mail-in election.

<u>Section 5. Notice of Election.</u> Notice of the levy election shall be given by the County Clerks and City Elections Officer, as provided in the general election laws of the State of Oregon and the Charter of the City of Albany.

Section 6. Ballot Form. The City Attorney has reviewed a Notice of Levy Election and Ballot Title in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE THIS 10th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2016.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary L Tibble
City Clerk

Exhibit "A"

CAPTION

Renewal of the Ambulance, Fire, and Police Local Option Tax

QUESTION

Shall Albany impose \$1.15 per \$1,000 assessed value for Ambulance, Fire, Police operations for five more years beginning 2016-2017? This measure renews current local option taxes.

SUMMARY

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The proposed rate will net approximately \$3,141,908 in 2016-2017, \$3,465,628 in 2017-2018, \$3,794,926 in 2018-2019, \$3,984,671 in 2019-2020, and \$4,183,905 in 2020-2021 for a total of \$18,571,038.

The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessors at the time of estimate and may reflect the impact of early payment discounts, compression and the collection rate.