



Ballot Title 20-343

CAPTION: Five-Year Parks and Recreation Operations and Maintenance Local Option Levy

QUESTION: Shall Eugene levy \$5,330,000 per year for five years beginning July, 2023, for parks and recreation facilities operation and maintenance? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

SUMMARY: Funds from this proposed levy will be used to continue operations and maintenance of parks, trails, natural areas, waterways and recreation facilities currently funded by 2018 voter-approved levy and will increase funding for recreation programming and for park safety and illicit activity cleanup. Levy funds will be used for the following: park safety and security (police officers and park ambassadors); illicit activity response (illegal camp cleanup, graffiti removal, vandalism response); general park maintenance (restrooms, trash removal, mowing, landscaping, infrastructure); habitat and natural area maintenance (invasive weeds, wildfire risk abatement, trails, native plantings); and staffing expanded recreational programs at certain facilities.

Staff will prepare an annual spending report for review by the Citizen Advisory Board and make it available to City Council and the public. The levy will raise \$5,330,000 each year for five years for a total of \$26,650,000. The typical Eugene taxpayer is estimated to pay an average of \$67 per year over the levy's five-year period. The estimated tax rate for this levy is \$0.26/\$1000 of assessed value. The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of estimate and may reflect the impact of early payment discounts, compression and the collection rate.