

**GUIDE FOR LOCAL MEASURE ELECTIONS**

TYPE OF MEASURE	BALLOT TITLE WORD COUNT	REQUIRED LANGUAGE IN BALLOT TITLE	OUTER ENVELOPE STYLE	50% Voter Turnout Required
<p><b>Local Option Tax Measure</b></p> <p>(Taxes within Measure 5 limits)</p> <p><i>(Not available for ESDs)</i></p>	<p>10 word caption            20 word question            175 word summary</p> <p>ORS 250.035(1)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The length, in years, that the proposed local option tax is to be imposed as part of the question. 280.070(5)(a)</li> <li>• The first fiscal year in which the proposed local option tax will be imposed as part of the question. 280.070(5)(b)</li> <li>• If this measure is the imposition of a <b>new</b> local option tax ballot title shall contain the following additional statement: "This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent" <i>(Placed after the question - not included in word count)</i> 280.070(4)(a)</li> <li>• If this measure is a <b>renewal</b> of a current local option tax ballot title shall contain the following additional statement: "This measure renews current local option taxes. <i>(Placed after the question - not included in word count)</i> 280.070(4)(b)</li> <li>• "This measure may be passed only at an election with at least a 50 percent voter turnout." <i>(First statement in the summary - not included in word count – Not required for elections in May or November of any year.)</i> 250.036</li> <li>• Total amount of local option tax to be raised, in dollars and cents <i>(Part of summary - not included in word count)</i> 280.075(2)</li> </ul> <p>If there is an estimated tax impact, "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." <i>(Part of summary - not included in word count)</i> 280.075(1)</p> <p>NOTE: Local option taxes can be used for general or specific purposes and capital projects. Local option taxes used for capital projects may be imposed for the expected useful life of the capital project or 10 years, <b>whichever is</b></p>	<p><b>If the measure is authorizing the imposition of local option taxes:</b></p> <p>Must include clearly and boldly in red, "CONTAINS VOTE ON PROPOSED TAX INCREASE."</p> <p><b>If the measure is authorizing the imposition of local option taxes and a renewal of a current local option tax:</b></p> <p>Must include clearly and boldly in red, "CONTAINS VOTE ON PROPOSED TAX INCREASE."</p> <p><b>If the measure is a renewal of a current local option tax</b></p> <p>Must include clearly and boldly in red, "CONTAINS VOTE ON RENEWAL OF CURRENT LOCAL OPTION TAXES."</p> <p>ORS 250.038</p>	<p>Yes</p>

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<b>General Obligation Bonds</b>  (Outside of measure limits)	10 word caption 20 word question 175 word summary  ORS 250.035(1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.” <i>(Last sentence after question - not included in word count)</i> 250.037(1)</li> <li>• “This measure may be passed only at an election with at least a 50 percent voter turnout.” <i>(First statement in the summary - not included in word count – Not required for elections in May or November of any year.)</i> 250.036</li> <li>• A reasonably detailed, simple and understandable description of the use of proceeds <i>(Part of summary - included in word count)</i> 250.037(3)</li> </ul>	Must include clearly and boldly in red, “CONTAINS VOTE ON PROPOSED TAX INCREASE.”  ORS 250.037(4)	Yes
<b>Measure to establish permanent rate limit for operating taxes for a district or a district that has never imposed a property tax.</b>	10 word caption 20 word question 175 word summary  ORS 250.035(1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tax rate per \$1000 of assessed value of the proposed permanent rate limitation <i>(included in question.)</i> 280.070(6)(a)</li> <li>• The first fiscal year in which the permanent rate limit will be imposed <i>(included in question.)</i> 280.070(6)(b)</li> <li>• “This measure may be passed only at an election with at least a 50 percent voter turnout.” <i>(First statement in the summary - not included in word count – Not required for elections in May or November of any year.)</i> 250.036</li> </ul>	Must include clearly and boldly in red, “CONTAINS VOTE ON PROPOSED TAX INCREASE.”  ORS 250.038	Yes
<b>All other measures</b>	10 word caption 20 word question 175 word summary	None	No requirement	No

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