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BALLOT TITLE

Amends City Charter, reduces and limits property tax authority.

Shall City Charter be amended to require City Council to reduce property taxes it is authorized to collect without a vote?

This measure amends City Charter to prohibit City Council from levying the full City property tax rate.

In the past, McMinnville City provided fire and emergency medical services using City property taxes and other revenues. These services were funded in part using \$1.50 out of the \$5.02 per \$1,000 assessed value of the City's taxing authority.

In 2023 voters approved creating a special district with its own taxing authority separate from the City to provide fire and emergency medical services. This measure, if approved, would limit the City Council to levying a tax rate of \$3.52, plus 3% per year, without voter approval. This reduction reflects the \$1.50 the City no longer is spending on fire and emergency medical services. The limit could be exceeded only if City voters approve. Voters also could approve temporary tax and bond levies.

If this Amendment is rejected, City Council may levy less than the full tax rate. Any amount collected that previously was spent to provide fire and emergency medical services would be used to fund other City services.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

If approved, this measure would amend the McMinnville City Charter to reduce the property tax rate that may be levied by the City.

In 2023 voters approved the establishment of a separate district to provide fire and emergency medical services previously provided by the City. The McMinnville Fire District has authority to levy its own taxes to support its services.

The maximum amount the City can currently levy without approval from the voters is \$5.02 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The City estimates \$1.50 of its \$5.02 authority had been spent to pay for fire and emergency medical services when they were provided by the City. Now that the City no longer is providing such services, it plans on collecting and using these funds for other purposes.

This Charter Amendment would reduce the tax rate limit of \$5.02 by \$1.50, resulting in a maximum tax rate of \$3.52. This proposed tax rate reflects the amount the City had previously been collecting and spending for non-fire and emergency medical services it provides.

This new limitation on taxing authority would go into effect starting with the 2025-26 tax year, when the City Council would be prohibited from levying more than \$3.52 of its tax rate. The City Council could increase this limit 3% per year. The City Council also could seek voter approval to exceed the limit.

The Charter Amendment does not restrict the City Council from levying the full amount of local option (temporary) property taxes or bond levies. Those levies must first be approved by the voters.

CHARTER AMENDMENT

Section 73. Property Tax Limitation

The purpose of this Section is to limit the ad valorem property tax rate authorized to be levied by the City.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), the City Council is prohibited from levying more than \$3.52 of the City's permanent ad valorem property tax rate against any property within the City.

(b) Commencing with fiscal year 2025-26, and each year thereafter, the City Council may increase the tax rate limit established under subsection (a) by 3% of the prior year's limit. The City Council also may levy in excess of the limit specified in subsection (a), as increased under this subsection, if authorized by a measure approved by the voters.

(c) This Section shall apply commencing with the City's 2025-26 fiscal year and continue in effect as long as the City remains within the boundaries of the McMinnville Fire Protection District.

(d) A local option or bond levy approved by the voters will neither be affected by, nor affect, this Section.