

Notice of Measure Election

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Notice		
Date of Notice August 14, 2020	Name of City or Cities City of Cascade Locks	Date of Election November 3, 2020
Final Ballot Title The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the city's voters. The ballot title notice has been published and the ballot title challenge process has been completed.		
Caption 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure.		
SETS SERVICE FEES FOR SELF-SUSTAINING CITY CEMETERY OPERATIONS		
Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.		
Shall the City raise the fee for services provided at the Cascade Locks Cemetery to enable self-sustaining operations?		
Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.		
<p>The City has been operating the Cascade Locks Cemetery since 2001 with a fee structure designed to provide perpetual funding. Labor and materials costs for cemetery maintenance have increased almost 50% since then. As a result, money from the City's General Fund has been used to supplement operations. The General Fund consists of money from property taxes and franchise fees. This measure will allow the City to raise fees so the Cemetery will be fiscally self-sustaining.</p> <p>With this measure, the City's pricing for cemetery services will be substantially equal to other cemeteries in Hood River County. The resolution proposed by this measure also provides for a new service; the offering of a memorial wall for plaques and niche interments for ashes to be placed in. The memorial wall will be constructed when grant funding is secured.</p> <p>This measure will not increase the price for purchasing an individual plot. It will only increase the sexton fees which are charged at the time of interment. Plots will remain available for pre-purchase at any time.</p>		
Explanatory Statement 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect.		
<p>If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be drafted and attached to this form for:</p> <p>→ any measure referred by the city governing body; or</p> <p>→ any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.</p>		
		Explanatory Statement Attached? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Authorized City Official Not required to be notarized.		
Name Kathy Woosley	Title City Recorder/Elections Official	
Mailing Address PO Box 308, Cascade Locks, OR 97014	Contact Phone 541-374-8484 Ext. 102	
By signing this document:		
→ I hereby state that I am authorized by the city to submit this Notice of Measure Election; and		
→ I certify that notice of receipt of ballot title has been published and the ballot title challenge process for this measure completed.		

Signature



Date Signed

8/14/20

BALLOT TITLE

To: Kathy Woosley, City Recorder, City of Cascade Locks
From: Ruben Cleaveland, City Attorney
Re: Filing of Ballot Title and Explanatory Statement
Date: August 4, 2020

Dear Ms. Woosley,

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the following Ballot Title for referral of A RESOLUTION CALLING AN ELECTION TO SUBMIT TO CITY VOTERS A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE FEES CHARGED FOR USE OF THE CASCADE LOCKS CEMETERY, as passed by the City Council is hereby submitted:

CAPTION: SETS SERVICE FEES FOR SELF-SUSTAINING CITY CEMETERY OPERATIONS

QUESTION: Shall the City raise the fees for services provided at the Cascade Locks Cemetery to enable self-sustaining operations?

SUMMARY: The City has been operating the Cascade Locks Cemetery since 2001 with a fee structure designed to provide perpetual funding. Labor and materials costs for cemetery maintenance have increased almost 50% since then. As a result, money from the City's General Fund has been used to supplement operations. The General Fund consists of money from property taxes and franchise fees. This measure will allow the City to raise fees so the Cemetery will be fiscally self-sustaining.

With this measure, the City's pricing for cemetery services will be substantially equal to other cemeteries in Hood River County. The resolution proposed by this measure also provides for a new service; the offering of a memorial wall for plaques and niche interments for ashes to be placed in. The memorial wall will be constructed when grant funding is secured.

This measure will not increase the price for purchasing an individual plot. It will only increase the sexton fees which are charged at the time of interment. Plots will remain available for pre-purchase at any time.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The City of Cascade Locks owns and operates the Cascade Locks Cemetery. The current fee structure for the use of plots and services was established by resolution in 2001. These fees are used for providing cemetery burial services, preparing new property for cemetery purposes, and cemetery maintenance. The fees have not increased since 2001; however, the costs to operate the cemetery have dramatically increased in the last 19 years. These additional costs have required use of money from the general fund to maintain cemetery operations.

If approved by the voters, this measure would allow an increase in fees such that the Cascade Locks Cemetery fees are substantially equal to the fees charged by other cemeteries in Hood River County. Furthermore, the increase in fees will enable the Cemetery to be self-sustaining without reliance on money from the general fund.

Without the need to subsidize the Cemetery with general fund money, it is the City's hope that grant funding will become available for cemetery purposes and to build a memorial wall. The memorial wall would provide a new service; the offering of dedicated space for plaques and niche interments for ashes. Individual plot prices will not increase with this measure. Only sexton fees will increase. Plots will remain available for pre-purchase.