

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR COUNTY VOTERS' PAMPHLET

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BALLOT TITLE CAPTION: Renewal of Local Option Tax Levy Funding for Ashland Library
MEASURE NUMBER:

Renewal of this levy will continue funding for enhanced library services for four years beginning July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2017. It provides for enhanced library services beyond the base services provided by the county.

In November 2008, Ashland voters passed a local option levy of up to \$.21 per \$1000 assessed value to provide for enhanced library services. That measure expires June 30, 2013. Over the past four years the City has levied just \$.19 per \$1000 of assessed property value, and that amount has generated the funds needed for enhanced library services. Over the next four years, the City will again levy only the amount required to pay for the library services, with a maximum of \$.21 per \$1,000 of assessed property value per year.

Passage of this measure mirrors the 2008 levy and authorizes the City of Ashland to levy up to \$.21 per \$1000 assessed value each year for four years for the purpose of providing enhanced library services from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2017.

Subject to the intergovernmental agreement with Jackson County enhanced library services in Ashland include the following, at a minimum:

- 16 additional open hours per week for a total of 40 hours per week
- Three additional full time employees or the equivalent
- Enhanced outreach library programs for teens, seniors and children

How much will it cost me?

To determine how much your household will pay in additional taxes, refer to your property tax statement issued by the county and find your tax assessed property value. (Your tax assessed value will be significantly lower than your market assessed value.) The average 2012 tax assessed value for a single family residence in Ashland is approximately \$241,000. The additional property tax paid by the average household would be \$50.61 per year (241 multiplied by 21 cents).

Results of a 'No' Vote

If this local option levy does not pass, the Ashland public library, after June 30, 2013, will operate under the base services currently provided by the county: 24 open hours per week, reduced outreach services and reduced staffing levels.

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