

# City of Ashland Ballot Title

EXHIBIT A (CITY MANAGER)

## BALLOT TITLE

CAPTION: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ASHLAND'S FOOD AND BEVERAGE TAX ORDINANCE

QUESTION: SHALL THE ORDINANCE BE AMENDED TO DEDICATE A PORTION OF REVENUES TO GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES AND EXTEND THE SUNSET DATE?

SUMMARY: THE CITY OF ASHLAND'S CURRENT FOOD AND BEVERAGE TAX ORDINANCE REQUIRES THAT NOT LESS THAN TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE TAX COLLECTED BE APPROPRIATED FOR THE ACQUISITION, PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT, REPAIR AND REHABILITATION OF CITY PARKS. UP TO TWO PERCENT MAY BE APPROPRIATED FOR THE COLLECTION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE TAX. THE REMAINING AMOUNT MAY BE APPROPRIATED FOR STREET REPAIR AND FOR PARKS.

THIS MEASURE WOULD REQUIRE THAT NOT LESS THAN TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE TAX BE APPROPRIATED FOR PARKS AND WOULD ALLOW UP TO SEVENTY-THREE PERCENT TO BE USED FOR GENERAL GOVERNMENT PURPOSES INCLUDING PUBLIC SAFETY, WILDFIRE PREVENTION, AND EMERGENCY EVENT HOUSING. THIS MEASURE WOULD ALLOW THE TAX TO BE USED FOR PARKS OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE IN ADDITION TO ACQUISITION, PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT, REPAIR AND REHABILITATION. IT WOULD EXTEND THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THE TAX TO DECEMBER 31, 2035. IT WOULD BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON APPROVAL OF ASHLAND VOTERS.

THIS MEASURE WOULD NOT CHANGE THE CURRENT TAX RATE OF FIVE PERCENT (5%) AND PROVIDES THAT THE TAX RATE AND USE OF TAX COULD NOT CHANGE WITHOUT VOTER APPROVAL.

Any objections to the ballot title must be filed with circuit court within seven (7) business days pursuant to ORS 250.296.



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