

## **TSCC Requested Information On Proposed Local Option Levies for Operations**

You must notify TSCC of your intent to place a property tax measure before voters 30 days prior to the deadline for filing the ballot measure with Multnomah County Elections (ORS 294.655). Send the following information to TSCC 30 days prior to the scheduled public hearing. This form can be obtained electronically in Microsoft Word by contacting the TSCC office.

1. How many years will the tax be levied?

Three years: 2012, 2013, and 2014.

2. Is the local option levy an amount or a rate?

It is a rate: \$0.89.

3. What is the annual amount to be levied, or estimated annual revenue if a rate?

Estimated annual revenue: \$32.6 million in 2012-13; \$34.5 million in 2013-14; and \$36.5 million in 2014-15.

4. How was the amount or rate determined?

The Board of County Commissioners voted January 5, 2012 to refer a renewal of the existing levy rate approved by voters in November of 2006. That rate is \$0.89.

5. What is the total to be raised over the life of the levy?

Estimated total revenue is \$103.6 million.

6. Will the levy be used for general operations or will it be dedicated to a specific purpose?

The levy will be used for general operations of the Multnomah County Library.

7. What services will increase or improve as a result of the levy?

None. Renewing the levy at the current rate does not provide adequate funding to maintain current services.

8. At the time this levy expires, do you foresee that the extra revenue will not be needed, that needed revenue might come from another source, or that you will need to rely on another local option levy?

If the May 2012 levy effort is successful, the Board of County Commissioners has committed to placing a library district measure on the November 2012 ballot, via Resolution No. 2012-004 dated January 5, 2012. The resolution language states: "The Board further recognizes that the best long-term funding solution for the library is the formation of an independent library district. If Multnomah County voters approve the three-year local option levy, which will provide the Library with temporary financial

stability, the Board will refer a district measure to the ballot in November 2012.” If the district measure is not successful, then another levy measure will be needed to continue library services.

9. Has there been citizen involvement in planning for the proposed measure?

The library’s three citizen stakeholder groups (The Library Advisory Board, the Friends of the Library board, and The Library Foundation board) all participated in discussions about the proposed measure and provided public testimony. Public testimony was also provided by other interested citizens.

10. Please provide copies of the following:

- A. A copy of the Resolution calling the election.
- B. A copy of the ballot title that has or will be submitted to Elections.

Both are posted here under Resolution no. 2012-004:

<http://web.multco.us/board/documents>

- C. Any flyers or published materials regarding the measure.

Link to the FAQ on the library’s website: <http://www.multcolib.org/about/funding/funding-faq.html>