

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR

MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

ORDINANCE NO. 60

An Ordinance referring Ordinance No. 58, the Multnomah County Utility Excise Tax Ordinance, to a vote of the electors for their approval or rejection.

Multnomah County ordains as follows:

Section 1. Policy.

The Board adopted Ordinance No. 58, the Multnomah County Utility Excise Tax Ordinance, in due time and form on July 27, 1972. Section 2, Ordinance No. 58, provided that the Ordinance would take effect on the 30th day after its adoption. Petitions have been filed by the electors in an attempt to refer Ordinance 58 to a vote of the electors, pursuant to that procedure established by the Multnomah County Initiative and Referendum Ordinance. It appears to the Board that sufficient petitions have been submitted which would result in the referral of Ordinance 58 to a vote of the electors; that the Board has authority to refer such measures, of its own action, to a vote of the electors; that the expense to Multnomah County resulting from verification of all of the signatures on the petitions submitted can be eliminated by Ordinance of the Board referring the measure to a vote of the electors; now, therefore, the Board determines that it would be in the best interest of the electors of Multnomah County to avoid unnecessary expense in referring Ordinance No. 58 to a vote of the electors for their approval or rejection.

Section 2. Election.

Ordinance 58 is hereby referred to a vote of the electors of Multnomah County for their approval or rejection, at that election to be conducted in conjunction with the state-wide general election to be held in the State of Oregon on Tuesday, November 7, 1972, between the hours of eight o'clock A.M. and eight o'clock P.M. The Director of Records and Elections for Multnomah County shall prepare an appropriate ballot for such election, utilizing the ballot title prepared by the District Attorney for Multnomah County in response to the preliminary petition heretofore filed, to-wit:

Referred to the People by the Board of County Commissioners of Multnomah County, Oregon.

COUNTY UTILITY TAX ORDINANCE FOR LIBRARY

PURPOSE: The Ordinance imposes an excise tax upon every person or company, except municipalities, providing electrical energy, natural gas, telephone or telegraph services in Multnomah County. The tax is one percent (1%) of gross revenues, and shall be expended solely for library purposes. The Ordinance provides for its administration, creates exceptions, and establishes procedures and penalties. A "Yes" vote is for approval of the Ordinance imposing the tax. A "No" vote is for its rejection.

Section 3. Notice.

The Director of Records and Elections shall cause notice of this election as required by state law and to perform all other acts appropriate or necessary for the conduct of such election and shall submit his certificate of election results to the Board not less than thirty (30) days after the election date.

Section 4. Adoption.

This ordinance being necessary for the immediate preservation of the health, safety and general welfare of the people of Multnomah County, an emergency is declared to exist and this ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted this 17th day of August 1972, being the date of its introduction, first reading, and final passage by unanimous consent of all Board members present.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

By *M. James Sloan*
Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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