

# Notice of Measure Election City

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**Date of Notice**  
August 12, 2025

**Name of City or Cities**  
Portland

**Date of Election**  
November 4, 2025

**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.

Maintain safe parks, nature, affordable recreation through 5-year levy.

**Question** 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.

Should Portland maintain parks, recreation, fund repairs; five-year levy \$1.40 per \$1,000 assessed value beginning 2026-2027? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

**Summary** 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.

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Levy would raise approximately \$86,258,997 in 2026-2027; \$88,719,730 in 2027-2028; \$91,411,706 in 2028-2029; \$93,588,449 in 2029-2030; and \$96,068,483 in 2030-2031, for a total of \$456,057,364.

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**Explanatory Statement** 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect.

If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be drafted and attached to this form for:

- any measure referred by the city governing body; or
- any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.

Explanatory Statement Attached? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**Authorized City Official** Not required to be notarized.

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**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

8/12/25

Date Signed

## Exhibit B

### **Ballot Title**

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## EXHIBIT C

### Explanatory Statement

This Measure would allow the City of Portland to levy \$1.40 per \$1,000 assessed value for five years to operate the parks and recreation system, replacing and increasing the rate of the current \$0.80 per \$1,000 assessed value levy that expires after fiscal year 2025-2026. Within the \$1.40 per \$1,000 assessed value levy, \$1.37 will be for park and recreation operations and \$0.03 will be for capital projects. Services and programs are planned to include, but are not limited to:

- Fix park playgrounds, pools and splash pads, restrooms, and other facilities in need of critical repairs.

The levy will continue offering:

- Daily restroom cleaning and trash pick-up at every developed park.
- Summer events and Free Lunch & Play programs, Free for All free movies, concerts.
- Inspection of every developed park tree, performing proactive maintenance on park trees to prioritize public safety.
- Additional ongoing daily work in parks, natural areas, trails, and community centers, including:

#### Safety

- Supporting safety with hazard checks in parks and natural areas, Park Ranger patrols, incident response, and nighttime lock-up of facilities.
- Performing wildfire prevention through brush clearing, tree pruning, removing invasive species and other hazards, and maintaining emergency access routes.

#### Regular Maintenance

- Inspecting park assets like playgrounds, pathways, trails, bridges, and community centers.
- Repairing park assets and performing routine maintenance like painting, carpentry, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing work.
- Improving safety, accessibility, and year-round usability of park paths and trails through repairs and hazards removal.

#### Nature

- Supporting our environment through planting native species, improving wildlife habitat, stabilizing slopes, and taking care of assets like signs, gates, fences, culverts, bridges.

- Planting new trees in low-canopy areas.

#### Affordable Programs

- Providing free and low-cost options so every Portlander, regardless of income, can participate.
- Keeping community centers and pools open with diverse programming and classes.

Investment in partnerships to deliver services, programs, and community initiatives, including through access to PP&R facilities for partner-provided programming. Unlock the power of volunteers and collaboration with local and regional groups to improve safety, sustainability, connectivity, and long-term stewardship in Portland's parks and recreation system.

A community oversight committee will be appointed to review levy expenditures, data, and minimum performance metrics and report annually to City Council as part of the budget process. The Parks Bureau will provide for a performance audit to ensure that services funded by the levy would continue to be consistent with voter intent.

The City estimates that the levy tax rate of \$1.40/\$1,000 assessed value would cost the median residential property approximately \$11 per month over the current levy (or \$26 per month), raising approximately \$86 million in the first year with an estimated average of \$91 million raised annually over five years. If a new levy is not approved, the Parks operating budget would be reduced by approximately half, resulting in fewer programs and services.