

Request for Ballot Title Preparation or Publication of Notice

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No later than the **80th day before an election**, a governing body that has referred a measure must prepare and file with the local elections official the text of the referral for ballot title preparation or the ballot title for publication of notice of receipt of ballot title. This form may be used to file the text of the referral and request the elections official begin the ballot title drafting process or file a ballot title and request the elections official publish notice of receipt of ballot title.

Filing Information

Election Date

May 19, 2020

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Referral Information

Title, Number or other Identifier

Jail Operating Levy Renewal

This Filing is For Drafting of Ballot Title Attach referral text. Publication of Notice Ballot title below.

Ballot Title Additional requirements may apply

Caption 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure.

Columbia County Jail Operating Levy Renewal

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

Shall Columbia County renew a levy of \$0.5797/\$1000.00 of assessed value for four years beginning in 2021 for Jail Operations? This measure renews current local option taxes.

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

In 2014, voters approved a three year levy for all Jail operations. In 2017, voters approved a four year levy for all Jail operations which will expire in 2020.

The three primary funding sources for the Jail are the County's General Fund, Federal bed rentals, and the existing Jail Operating Levy. Since the 2014 levy passed, the County General Funds support for the Jail has remained consistent. Federal bed rental revenue has also remained stable but is not a guaranteed revenue source. The County still cannot fully fund operation of the Jail without renewal of the Levy.

Prior to the 2014 Levy, the County was required to reduce Jail beds for local inmates to 25, and anticipated a full closure of the Jail without the Levy. The operating Levy currently supports a total of 100 local beds, and funding for the constitutionally required food, clothing, management, and health care for inmates. Renewal of the Levy will pay for continued operation for the Jail through 2024. The estimated money raised will be \$3,179,844 in FY 2021, \$3,282,306 in FY 2022, \$3,388,069 in FY 2023, and \$3,497,240 in FY 2024, for an estimated total Levy of \$13,347,459.

By signing this document:

→ I hereby state that I am authorized by the county or city governing body, or district elections authority to submit this Request for Ballot Title – Preparation or Publication of Notice.

Signature**Date Signed**