

Official Marion County Voter Pamphlet

A Voter's Guide to Local Measures
Special Election • November 3, 2015



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- ★ Ballots for this Election will be mailed to registered voters on October 14th.
- ★ Do Not Forget To Sign Your Return Ballot Envelope.
- ★ Voted ballots must be received in an Elections Office or an Official Oregon Ballot Drop Site by 8:00 p.m. November 3, 2015.
Remember: Postmark Does Not Count

Bill Burgess, Marion County Clerk
503.588.5041 or 1.800.655.5388
<http://www.co.marion.or.us/co/elections>



A Message from the Clerk . . .

Dear Marion County Voter,

Please sign up today at www.co.marion.or.us/co if you wish to track your ballot with text, email or voice alerts. This allows us to contact you quickly if there is a signature issue.

If you have not received your ballot by October 22, please call us at 503-588-5041.

If you wait until after October 27 to return your ballot, please use an official ballot drop site. See pages 4 and 5. We have increased our 24/7 ballot drop site locations for your convenience.

Please be sure we have both your current residential and mailing address. You can now check and update this information on-line at www.oregonvotes.org. Most prospective voters can also register for this election online by October 13.

This election, you will vote on one or more district measures depending on your home address. Please study the statements pertaining to the districts that serve you.

Some voters who receive this Voter Pamphlet will not receive a ballot because though they live in a zip code of the district on the ballot, they are outside the district's boundaries. Sending a voter pamphlet to every household in the zip code saves money over labeling and mailing to each voter.

If you know of someone who, because of reading or other difficulty, needs voting assistance, please contact us. We offer several options to help people vote privately and independently. Some are listed on page 6. We also offer large print and tactile ballots. Independent Living Resources, 503-232-7411, will mail this voter pamphlet on CD or tape on request. This voter pamphlet is also available in voice and text on our website.

You are welcome to come observe our election process and see if election board work is for you. We will conduct logic and accuracy testing at 10:00 AM on October 27. Thank you for helping make democracy work by being informed and voting.

Sincerely,

Bill Burgess
Marion County Clerk

Website: <http://www.co.marion.or.us/CO/elections>

How to Contact Marion County Clerk - Elections



Marion County
OREGON



- In Person:** 555 Court St NE, Suite 2130 (2nd Floor)
Salem, OR 97301
- By Mail:** PO Box 14500
Salem, OR 97309
- By Phone:** 503.588.5041 or 1.800.655.5388
- By TTY:** (Deaf or Hearing Impaired device required)
503.588.5610
- By Fax:** 503.588.5383
- By E-Mail:** elections@co.marion.or.us
- Website:** www.co.marion.or.us/co/elections

Office Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday
Election Day, November 3rd, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.



If you need a **Replacement Ballot**, assistance with voting or if you would just like to **observe** and see **Democracy in action**, come see us at the Clerk's Office!

Official Marion County Ballot Drop Sites

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Mon - Fri
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24 Hours

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Everyday
6 AM - 10 PM

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4555 Liberty Rd S, # 300, Salem

Mon - Fri*
8 AM - 5 PM
***Wed:** 9 AM - 5 PM

Oregon State Fire Marshal **Mon - Fri**
4760 Portland Rd NE, Salem 8 AM - 5 PM

Marion County Public Works **Curbside Dropbox**
5155 Silverton Rd NE, Salem **Mon - Fri**
8 AM - 5 PM

Keizer City Hall **Curbside Dropbox**
930 Chemawa Rd NE, Keizer 24 Hours

U.S. Bank - Keizer **Mon - Thur**
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Fri: 9 AM - 6 PM

Central County

Mt. Angel Public Library
290 E Charles St, Mt. Angel

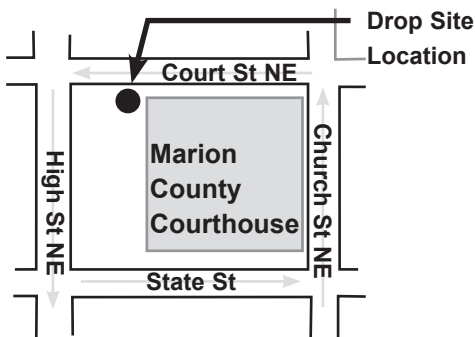
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Wed: 11 AM - 5 PM
Thur & Fri: Noon - 5 PM
Sat: 1 PM - 5 PM
Closed Sundays & Mondays

East County

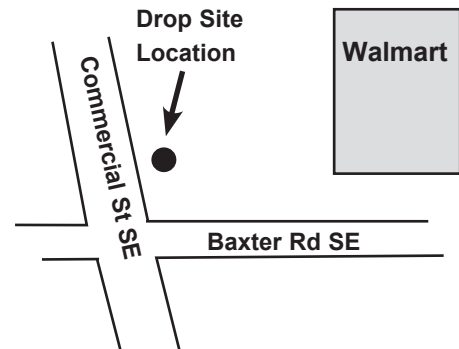
New! Mill City - City Hall **Mon - Fri**
444 S 1st Avenue, Mill City 8 AM - 5 PM

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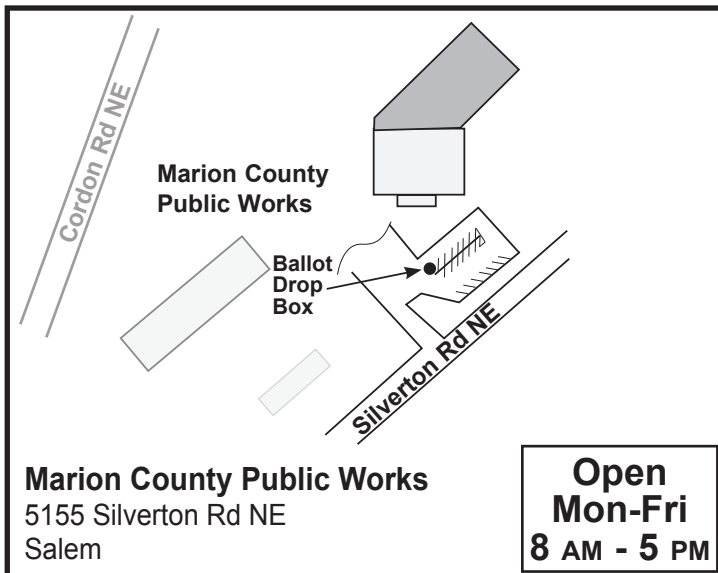
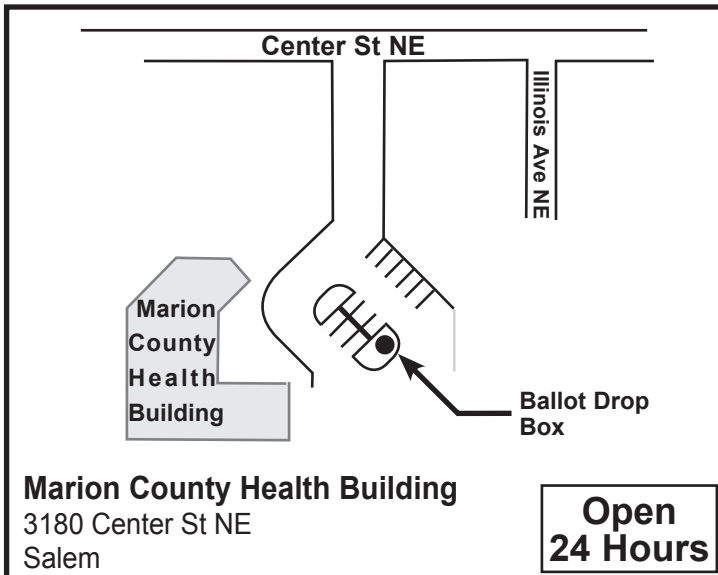
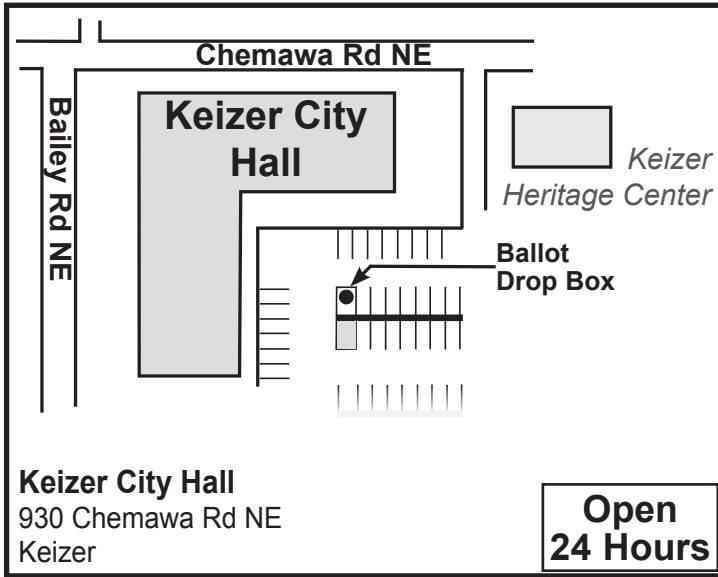


Marion County Courthouse
500 Block Court Street NE, north side of the Courthouse
Salem



Walmart Parking Lot
5250 Commercial St SE
Salem

Official Marion County Curbside Ballot Drop Sites



The Marion County Curbside Ballot Drop Boxes will be open beginning October 15th. The drop boxes will remain open during their posted hours until 8 PM, November 3, 2015.

POSTMARK DOES NOT COUNT



SIGN THE RETURN ENVELOPE!



Voters with Disabilities Information

Alternate Format Ballot

The Alternate Format Ballot (**AFB**) is a voting tool that is available to voters with disabilities to vote privately and independently if they have access to a computer with a web browser and a printer.

Call 503.588.5041 or 1.800.655.5388 or TTY/TDD 503.588.5610 for more information.

Accessible Computer Stations

- ★ To accommodate voters with disabilities that do not have access to the required technology to vote the AFB, we have an Accessible Computer Station (ACS).
Please bring the ballot packet you received through the mail with you when using the ACS at the county site.

The ACS is available at:

Marion County Clerk's Office, 555 Court St NE, Suite 2130, Salem
Conveniently accessible to bus service.

To avoid delays, please call in advance: 503.588.5041

Voting Assistance

Any voter can request assistance from the County Clerk's Office for help with marking a ballot. Call 503.588.5041, 1.800.655.5388 or TTY/TDD 503.588.5610 to request assistance.

Marion County Voter Pamphlet

This voter pamphlet is available in a downloadable audio format. Go to our website, www.co.marion.or.us/co/elections to download the files. You may also contact Independent Living Resources to obtain the Audio voter pamphlet on CD or tape. Call 1.503.232.7411 to request the voter pamphlet in this media version.

If you have questions about registration or voting, contact the Clerk's Office:

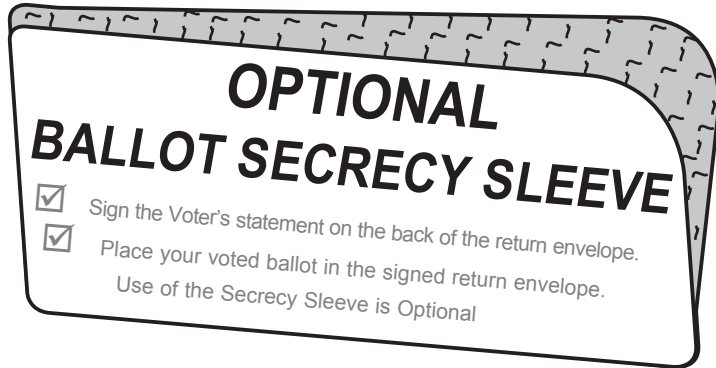
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★ New To Your Ballot Packet ★



Marion County is proud to introduce the **Optional Ballot Secrecy Sleeve** for this Election and we would like your feedback.

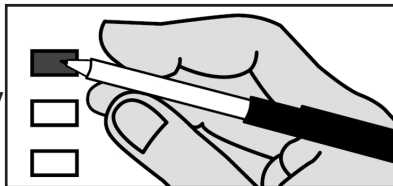
Please email us with your comments about the use and new design to: elections@co.marion.or.us

Important to Remember: Your Return Envelope must be Received by 8 PM Election Night and Signed or your ballot will not be counted.

Instructions:

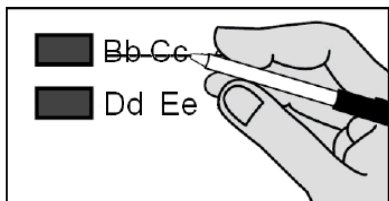
To Vote:

Use a black or blue ink pen to completely fill in the box to the left of your choice.



To Correct a Mistake:

Draw a line through the entire measure response. You then have the option of making another choice.



Instructions For Voting Your Ballot

Review the Ballot Packet

It should contain at least the following items:

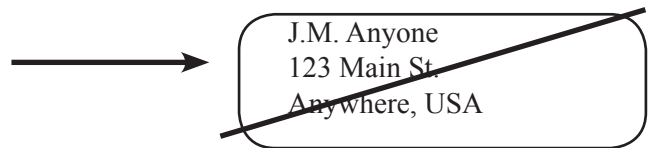
- Printed ballot
- A pre-addressed return envelope
- Secrecy sleeve - **New to your Packet**

If any items are missing, contact Marion County Clerk - Elections.

Important Ballot Information:

If a ballot has been delivered to your address and it is addressed to someone who does not live at your address:

1. Mark through the address like this:



2. Return to your mailbox, post office or letter carrier.

Notify Marion County Clerk's Office Before Voting The Ballot Delivered To You If:

- Your name is different than that on the label; or
- Your residence address has changed; or
- You have added, deleted or changed a mailing address.

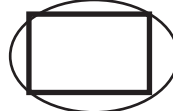
To make sure your vote counts:

- Use a **black or blue ballpoint ink pen**. DO NOT use a felt tip pen to mark your ballot.
- Completely fill in the box to the left of your choice.
- To vote on a measure, complete the box next to either the "Yes" or "No",

LIKE THIS:



NOT THIS:



NOT THIS:



SAMPLE BALLOT November 3, 2015 • Special Election

This sample ballot is a composite of all measures appearing on ballots in Marion County.

Not all voters will vote on every measure.

Remember: All ballots will be mailed October 14th.

City of Mt. Angel

24-387 Annexation of 20 acres into the Mt. Angel city limits.

Question: Shall 20 acres located between West Marquam Street and West Church Street be annexed into the City of Mt. Angel?

Keizer Fire District

24-389 KEIZER RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND

Question: Shall the District issue general obligation bonds not to exceed \$6,220,000? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Salem Area Mass Transit District

24-388 Adopts employer payroll and self-employment tax of 0.21% beginning 2017

Question: Shall Salem-Keizer Transit (Cherriots) expand service including weekends and holidays by implementing an employer/self-employed payroll tax of 0.21%?

Mill City Rural Fire Protection District

22-136 Five Year Local Option Levy for Operations

Question: This measure renews current local option taxes. Shall District be authorized to impose \$0.30 per \$1000.00 of assessed value for operations for five years beginning in 2016-2017?

Marion County Clerk - Elections is located at Courthouse Square

Marion County Clerk - Elections Courthouse Square

Physical Address:

555 Court St NE

Salem, OR 97301

Mailing Address:

PO Box 14500

Salem, OR 97309

**We are located on the second floor, Suite 2130,
along with the Licensing & Recording Division
of the Clerk's office.**

New Service offered from the Marion County Clerk

Track Your Ballot

Prep Send Received Accepted

The Marion County Clerk is offering a pilot program to voters in Marion County that allows them to track the status of their ballot through automated notifications.

Participating voters will have the option of receiving text, email, or voice alerts at several points on their ballot's journey.

MARION COUNTY CLERK

Marion County OREGON

Welcome to Marion County Clerk
Powered by i3ballot

To log in, please complete the information below

If you have any issues, please contact
Marion County Clerk
by Phone at (503) 588-5041 or by Email at elections@co.marion.or.us

* First Name: e.g. 'John' First Name is required

* Last Name: e.g. 'Adams'

* Date of Birth: 06-19-1982

* Zip Code: 90238

* required fields

LOGIN

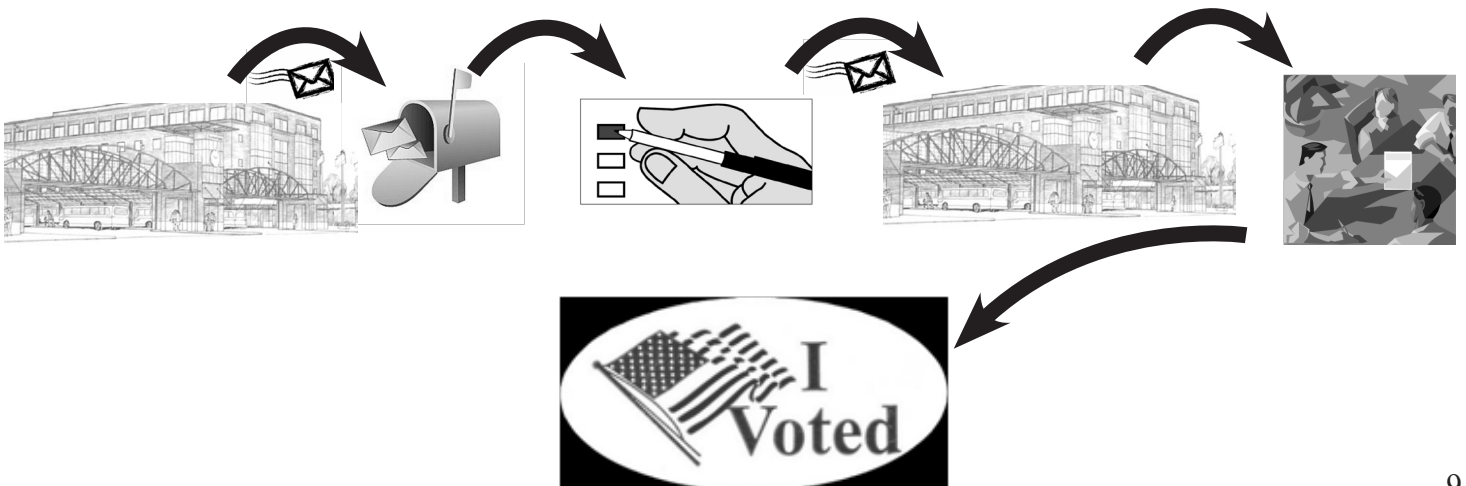
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Sign up today to begin receiving messages:

<https://marioncountyclerk.i3ballot.net/voter/login#/>

The Marion County Clerk's ballot tracking pilot program is in partnership with i3Logix. It is a unique, patent-pending solution that tracks the status of every mail-in ballot and sends a series of proactive alerts to voters telling them where their ballot is in the election process from printed to accepted!

If you have any questions about this service, please call the Marion County Clerk at 503-588-5041.



Measure No. 22-136
Mill City Rural Fire Protection District

Referred to the People by the District Board

Five Year Local Option Levy for Operations

Question: This measure renews current local option taxes. Shall District be authorized to impose \$0.30 per \$1000.00 of assessed value for operations for five years beginning in 2016-2017?

Summary: The Mill City Rural Fire Protection District will use the tax revenue from this measure to continue the established position of Fire Chief for district operations. Fifteen years ago the district taxpayers voted yes on a measure to establish a paid chief position and this five year option tax is a continuation of those previous measures. For the past five years this local option tax has been voted in at \$0.50 per thousand of assessed value. If this measure passes, the local option tax would lower from the previous amount of \$0.50 per thousand to \$0.30 per thousand of assessed value. With the paid chief's position Mill City Rural Fire Protection District has been able to drastically increase our firefighter training and provide a better service to our district patrons. The objective of the fire chief is to continue to save the taxpayer's money by applying for grants to help update equipment, maintain the building and grounds, while still providing excellent emergency fire and medical services. The proposed rate will raise approximately \$203,869.00. \$38,400.00 in 2016-2017, \$39,522.00 in 2017-2018, \$40,738.00 in 2018-2019, \$41,960.00 in 2019-2020, \$43,219.00 in 2020-2021. The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of estimate.

No Explanatory Statement was filed.

No arguments were submitted in support or in opposition to Measure 22-136

Remember to...
Sign
Your
Ballot
Envelope!

SIGN HERE

VOTER'S STATEMENT

BY SIGNING I CERTIFY THAT:

- I am the person to whom this ballot was issued;
- I am legally qualified to vote in the county that issued this ballot;
- I voted my ballot and (did not unnecessarily show it to anyone);
- This is the only ballot I have voted this election;
- I still live where I am registered to vote at:
1600 PENNSYLVANIA AVE

George Washington

Signature of Voter GEORGE WASHINGTON

Recycle
Everyday Things!



When you are finished with this voter pamphlet please recycle it.

Thank You

Measure No. 24-387
City of Mt. Angel

Referred to the People by the City Council

Annexation of 20 acres into the Mt. Angel city limits.

Question: Shall 20 acres located between West Marquam Street and West Church Street be annexed into the City of Mt. Angel?

Summary: Approval of this measure would bring into the Mt. Angel city limits, 20 acres of land. The north side of the property abuts West Marquam Street and the south side of the property abuts West Church Street. The site is also referred to as Tax Lot 600 on Marion County Tax Map 061W09AA.

If annexed, the property will be zoned Single-Family Residential (RS), consistent with the Low Density Residential designation in the Mt. Angel Comprehensive Plan.

Property to be annexed must touch existing city limits, and there must be adequate city services to serve the property. The Mt. Angel City Council determined that these requirements are met, and submits the question of annexation of the territory to the voters as required by the Mt. Angel City Charter. If annexed, the property will become subject to the City's permanent property tax rate and will be eligible to receive City services.

Explanatory Statement:

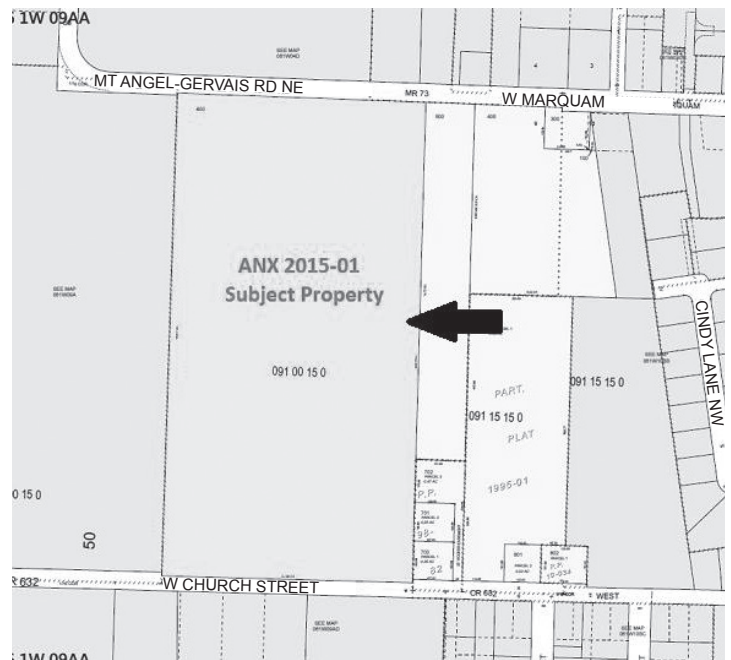
Frank Kirkbride, P. Ronald Wachter, Jeanette Neuburger, and Mary Ann Fobert submitted an application to annex approximately twenty (20) acres of land into the corporate city limits of Mt. Angel. A comprehensive review of the application was completed and staff made a recommendation to City Council that it met minimum requirements of the Statewide Planning Goals, Mt. Angel Comprehensive Plan, and the Mt. Angel Development Regulations. A public hearing was held on July 6, 2015 before the City Council of Mt. Angel regarding this annexation request. The City Council by a 6 to 1 vote referred this request to the voters, pursuant to Section 3 of the Mt. Angel City Charter and Section 19 of the Mt. Angel Development Regulations. Should the voters choose to approve the annexation, the subject property would come into the city limits zoned as Single Family Residential (RS). The Mt. Angel Development

Measure No. 24-387
City of Mt. Angel

Explanatory Statement: (cont.)

Regulations, Section 6.1 outlines the permitted uses for Single Family Residential (RS). There has been no specific request for development of the subject property at this time. Any future development would require a site plan review process including a review by the Mt. Angel Planning Commission in a public hearing where citizen testimony would be heard. Based on review of city staff and consultants, there are no concerns regarding impacts to the existing water, sanitary sewer, or storm water systems.

Submitted by:
Justin Hogue, Deputy Recorder/Elections Officer
City of Mt. Angel



No arguments were submitted in support or in opposition to Measure 24-387

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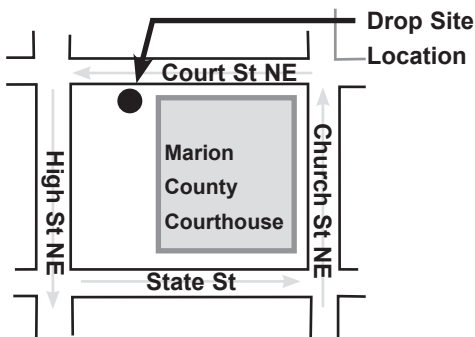
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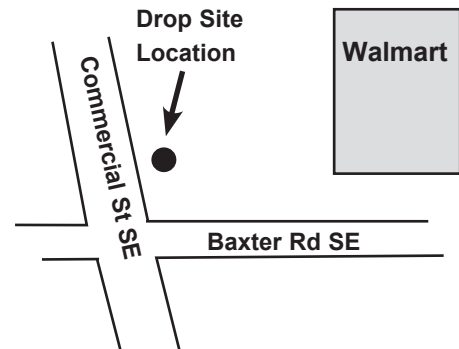
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Measure No. 24-388
Salem Area Mass Transit District

Referred to the People by the District Board

Adopts employer payroll and self-employment tax of 0.21% beginning 2017

Question: Shall Salem-Keizer Transit (Cherriots) expand service including weekends and holidays by implementing an employer/self-employed payroll tax of 0.21%?

Summary: Voter approval of the measure would provide the funding to:

- Add Saturday service (Summer 2016);
- Add the youth pass (2016) for students in grades 6-12;
- Add longer evening service and limited Sunday and holiday service (Summer 2017).

Expanded service would apply to both Cherriots and CherryLift (paratransit).

The measure would implement an employer payroll tax assessed at 21 cents for each \$100 of payroll. Nonprofit 501(C)(3) organizations, except hospitals, would be exempt.

Rate increases are limited in accordance with ORS 267.387. Current limit to rate increase is not more than 0.02% in any year.

The use of funds collected under the measure would be subject to annual audits by an independent auditor and would be available for public review on Cherriots' website.

In 2009, Cherriots eliminated Saturday service and shortened weekday evening service to balance revenues and expenses. In 2011, the state eliminated support for the youth pass program. As a result it has been harder to meet the needs of seniors, young people, and others that rely on transit to get around the community.

Explanatory Statement:

The Salem-Keizer Transit (Cherriots) proposed measure would add Saturday, Sunday and holiday bus service, extend evening weekday service and provide for a bus pass program for middle and high school students.

In September 2015 Cherriots implemented Phase I of a new service plan commonly known as Moving Forward. Phase I reallocated current weekday service to be more efficient and effective. It provides the foundation for expanded service in Moving Forward Phase II.

Cherriots bus routes serve local educational facilities, employment centers, medical facilities, businesses, community events and recreational activities. Cherriots also operates the CherryLift program, the federally mandated curb-to-curb service for eligible persons with disabilities.

Measure No. 24-388
Salem Area Mass Transit District

Explanatory Statement: (cont.)

The employer/self-employed payroll tax would provide revenue to:

Add Saturday Service

Buses would operate every 30 or 60 minutes. Some routes would provide 15 minute service throughout the day.

Extend Weekday Evening Service

Later service would extend evening service until approximately 11:00 PM, Monday – Friday.

Add Sunday and Holiday Service

Buses would operate every 30 or 60 minutes and increase the opportunities for riders to get to work, shop and participate in community activities. New holiday service would be provided on President's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, and Veteran's Day.

Provide for a Bus Pass Program for Middle and High School Students

The bus pass program for students (including home school) would provide for unlimited rides during the school year. Bus passes will allow students to participate in before and after school programs, after school jobs, or other activities. Cherriots provided over 1 million student rides annually through a similar program once funded by the Oregon Department of Energy.

Rate of Tax

Every employer subject to the tax would pay an amount equal to 0.21% of the amount of wages paid with respect to services performed within the District. Every self-employed taxpayer would pay an amount equal to 0.21% of the amount of the individual's net earnings from self-employment.

Subject to the conditions and limitations provided by ORS 267.385 and 267.387 (as amended from time to time) or the successor to those statutes, the rate of tax imposed by the ordinance may be increased by a non-emergency ordinance adopted by the board of directors of the District. The Current limit for a rate increase cannot be more than 0.02% (0.0002) within any year.

All 501(c)(3) organizations (except hospitals), and government agencies are currently exempt from this proposed tax. The State of Oregon would not be subject to this tax because it pays an in lieu of tax of 0.6% of payroll.

By statute the tax cannot be passed to employees. The tax is deductible for Federal income tax purposes. The tax would be effective January 1, 2017. A typical employer tax with this measure would be \$210 for every \$100,000 of payroll.

Submitted by Robert Krebs, President – Board of Directors
Cherriots – Salem-Keizer Transit

**Salem Area Mass Transit District
Ordinance No. 2015-01**

**AN ORDINANCE REGARDING AN EXCISE TAX
ON PAYROLL AND NET EARNINGS FROM SELF-
EMPLOYMENT**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SALEM AREA MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT:

The electors of the Salem Area Mass Transit District, under the authority of ORS 267.302 and ORS 267.010 through 267.990, do hereby ordain and decree as follows:

1. **Imposition of Tax.** A tax is hereby imposed:

1.1 on every Employer of individuals who perform services within the Territory of the District; and

1.2 on every individual who performs services within the Territory of the District and has Net Earnings from Self-Employment in excess of \$400.00.

2. **Rate of Tax; Limitation on Increases.**

2.1 Every Employer subject to the tax pursuant to Section 1.1 of this ordinance shall pay an amount equal to 0.0021 times the amount of Wages paid by such Employer with respect to services performed within the Territory of the District. Every self-employed Taxpayer subject to the tax pursuant to Section 1.2 of this ordinance shall pay an amount equal to 0.0021 times the amount of the individual's Net Earnings from Self-Employment.

2.2 Subject to the conditions and limitations provided by ORS 267.385 and 267.387 (as amended from time to time) or the successor to those statutes, the rate of tax imposed by Section 2.1 may be increased by a non-emergency ordinance adopted by the board of directors of the District.

3. **Apportionment.** A self-employed individual having Net Earnings from Self-Employment arising from services both within and without the Territory of the District shall allocate or apportion such Net Earnings from Self-Employment as provided in this section 3.

3.1 The Net Earnings from Self-Employment shall be allocated in a manner consistent with that required for allocation and apportionment of income under ORS 314.280 and 314.605 to 314.675 (as amended from time to time) or the successor to those statutes, and the Department's regulations adopted pursuant thereto. Regarding such allocation and apportionment, the self-employed individual shall follow the instructions and forms published by the Department; or

3.2 To the extent that apportionment rather than allocation is appropriate, the self-employed Taxpayer may elect to apportion the Net Earnings from Self-Employment, based upon a single factor. In the case of an activity conducted by a partnership, the partnership may elect to have each of its partners use a single factor for the apportionment of its earnings. The single factor for apportionment shall be a sales factor, computed in a manner consistent with ORS 314.665 (as amended from time to time) or the successor to that statute and the Department's regulations adopted pursuant thereto. Regarding such apportionment, the Taxpayer (or the partnership of which the Taxpayer is a member) shall follow the forms and instructions published by the Department. The election by a Taxpayer (or by a

**Salem Area Mass Transit District
Ordinance No. 2015-01**

partnership of which the Taxpayer is a member) to use single-factor apportionment shall be made on a form furnished by the Department. An election shall be binding for both the current and all future years, unless revoked with the written consent of the Department.

4. **Phase-In.** For those Employers described in ORS 267.380(1)(a)(C), the amount of the tax paid each year following the year in which the population of the Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area exceeds 400,000 shall equal a percentage of the tax otherwise calculated under Section 2 in accordance with the following schedule:

| | |
|--------------|-------|
| Year 1 | 20% |
| Year 2 | 40% |
| Year 3 | 60% |
| Year 4 | 80% |
| After Year 4 | 100%. |

An Employer described in ORS 267.380(1)(a)(C) that made, and that continues to make, payments to the District under the provisions of ORS 291.405 and 291.407 equivalent to the rate in effect on January 1, 1989 is exempt from the tax provided for in this ordinance.

5. **Definitions.** Capitalized terms used in this ordinance shall have the following meaning, unless the context requires otherwise.

"Department" means the Department of Revenue, State of Oregon.

"District" means the Salem Area Mass Transit District.

"Employer" has the meaning prescribed by ORS 267.380 (as amended from time to time) or the successor to that statute.

"Net Earnings from Self-Employment" has the meaning prescribed by ORS 267.380 (as amended from time to time) or the successor to that statute.

"Taxpayer" means an Employer subject to tax under this ordinance or a self-employed individual subject to tax under this ordinance.

"Territory" means the territorial boundaries of the District as prescribed by ORS 267.107 and ORS 267.114 (as amended from time to time) or the successor to those statutes.

"Wages" has the meaning prescribed by ORS 267.380 (as amended from time to time) or the successor to that statute. "Wages" includes remuneration for services performed partly within the District. "Wages" does not include remuneration excluded under ORS 267.380 (as amended from time to time) or the successor to that statute.

6. **Rules and Regulations.** The board of directors of the District may, from time to time, by ordinance establish and revise reasonable rules and regulations relating to the administration, collection and enforcement of the tax established by this ordinance. Without limiting the generality of any of the foregoing, the board of directors of the District may by ordinance adopt

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definitions of the terms used in section 1401 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as that section was in effect and operative on December 31, 1988. The rules and regulations in this Section 6 shall apply to the administration, collection and enforcement of the tax established by this ordinance unless the board of directors of the District otherwise provides by ordinance.

6.1. Department as Tax Agent of District. The tax imposed by this ordinance shall be paid to the Department, as agent for the District. The Department is hereby designated the agent of the District for purposes of administering the tax imposed by this Section. The Department may exercise all supervisory and administrative powers with regard to the enforcement, collection, and administration of this tax as the Department is authorized to exercise pursuant to ORS 305.620 (as amended from time to time), including, but not limited to, entering closing agreements, waiving of interest and penalties, releasing liens, issuance of subpoenas, and the making of refunds.

6.2. Tax Period; Reports. The tax imposed by this ordinance shall be paid quarterly or less frequently than quarterly if directed by the Department, but not less frequently than annually, to the Department of Revenue, State of Oregon, as agent for the District. Every Taxpayer, quarterly, on or before the last day of April, July, October, and January each year, or less frequently than quarterly if directed by the Department but not less frequently than annually, shall pay over to the Department the amount imposed by this ordinance as an excise tax and determined according to Wages paid by the Employer with respect to the employment of individuals during the preceding calendar period or the Taxpayer's Net Earnings from Self-Employment during the preceding calendar period. Every Taxpayer shall, with each payment made by the Taxpayer to the Department, deliver to the Department, on a return prescribed by the Department a statement of the total amounts upon which the tax is required to be computed, and such other information as the Department requires. Every deficiency shall bear interest at the rate provided in Section 6.14 for each month or fraction of a month computed from the due date of the return to date of payment.

6.3. Date Return Considered Filed or Payment Made. A return filed before the last day prescribed by law for the filing thereof shall be considered as filed on the last day. An advance payment of any portion of the tax made at the time the return was filed shall be considered as made on the last day prescribed by law for the payment of the tax. The last day prescribed by law for filing the return or paying the tax shall be determined without regard to any extension of time granted the Taxpayer by the Department.

6.4. Assessment of Deficiency; Penalties and Interest on Deficiencies.

(1) As soon as practicable after the return is filed, the Department shall audit it, if the Department deems such audit practicable. If the Department discovers from the audit of a return or otherwise that a deficiency exists, it shall compute the tax and give notice to the Taxpayer of its proposal to assess the deficiency, plus interest and penalty for fraud or negligence, if any attaches.

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The notice shall state the reason for each proposed adjustment to the return and a reference to the ordinance, statute, regulation, or Department ruling upon which the proposed adjustment is based. Each notice of deficiency and proposed assessment shall be certified by the auditor who audited the return that he has audited the return and that the proposed adjustments to the return are made in good faith and not for the purposes of extending the period of assessment.

(2) Within 30 days from the date of mailing of notice of proposed assessment, the Taxpayer shall pay the proposed deficiency with interest computed to the date of payment and any penalty proposed, or within that time shall advise the Department in writing wherein its determination of deficiency as to the proposed assessment at any time prior to the date such assessment is made.

(3) If neither payment nor written objection is received by the Department within 30 days after notice of proposed assessment has been mailed, the Department shall assess the deficiency, plus interest and fraud or negligence penalty, if any, and shall give notice of the amount so assessed.

(4) Every deficiency shall bear interest at the rate provided in Section 6.14 for each month or fraction of a month, computed from the due date of the return to date of payment.

(5) Penalties shall be imposed as follows: If the return was falsely prepared and filed with intent to evade the tax, a penalty equal to 100 percent of the deficiency.

(6) All payments received must be credited first to penalty, then to interest accrued, and then to tax due.

(7) Mailing of notice to the Taxpayer at Taxpayer's last known address shall constitute the giving of notice of proposed assessment as prescribed in subsection (1) of this section or of notice of assessment as prescribed in subsection (3) of this section. The provisions of Section 6 with respect to revision and appeal shall apply to the assessed deficiency, penalties, and interest.

(8) Additional assessments and deficiency assessments with respect to any tax return shall be made pursuant to this section, and not otherwise, within the time limits prescribed by Section 6.5, including, but not limited to, the assertion of additional tax arising from:

- (a) The failure to report properly all amounts which are the measure of the tax;
- (b) The deduction of amounts not permitted by law;
- (c) Mathematical errors in the return or the amount of tax shown due in the records of the Department;
- (d) Improper credits or offsets against the tax claimed in the return.

6.5. Time Limit for Assessment of Deficiency.

(1) At any time within three years after the return was filed, the Department may give notice of proposed assessment as prescribed in Section 6.4.

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(2) The limitation to the giving of notice of proposed assessment of a deficiency provided in this section, shall not apply to a deficiency resulting from false or fraudulent returns, or in cases where no return has been filed.

(3) The tax deficiency must be assessed and notice of tax assessment mailed to the Taxpayer within one year from the date of the notice of proposed assessment unless an extension of time is agreed upon. If, prior to the expiration of any period of time prescribed in this section for giving of notice of proposed assessment or of assessment, the Department and the Taxpayer consent in writing to the deficiency being proposed or assessed after the expiration of such prescribed period, such deficiency may be proposed or assessed at any time prior to the expiration of the period agreed upon.

6.6. Effect of Failure to File Return or to Pay Tax; Determining and Assessing Tax; Penalties.

(1) If a Taxpayer failed to file a return within the time required by this ordinance, the Department shall determine the Wages paid by the Taxpayer or the Net Earnings from Self-Employment of the Taxpayer, as the case may be, for services rendered within the District according to the best of its information and belief, assess the tax accordingly, and notify the Taxpayer of the determination and assessment. In addition to the tax, the Department shall also assess and collect (a) interest on such tax at the rate provided in Section 6.14 per month or a fraction of a month computed from the original due date of the return until paid, and (b) a penalty as provided for in subsection (2) of this section.

(2) If a Taxpayer (a) fails to file a return at the time required by this ordinance or (b) fails to pay a tax at the time the tax comes due, unless it is shown that such failure is due to reasonable cause and not due to willful neglect, there shall be added to the amount of the tax required to be shown on the return, or to the amount of tax as determined by the Department, a penalty of 5 percent of the amount of such tax. If the failure to file continues for a period in excess of three months after the due date, there shall be added to the amount of the tax required to be shown on the return a failure to file penalty of 20 percent of the amount of such tax. This penalty is in addition to the 5 percent delinquency penalty imposed in this subsection.

(3) Interest shall be collected on any unpaid tax as provided in subsection (4) of Section 6.4 of this ordinance.

(4) For purposes of subsection (2) of this section, the amount of tax required to be shown on the return shall be reduced by the amount of any part of the tax that is paid on or before the date prescribed for payment of the tax and by the amount of any credit against tax which may be properly claimed upon the return.

6.7. Books and Records. Every Taxpayer shall maintain records adequate to determine the total amounts by which the excise tax imposed by this ordinance is measured. The Department, for the purpose of ascertaining the correctness of any return

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or for the purpose of making an estimate of the Wages paid by any Taxpayer or the amount of a Taxpayer's Net Earnings from Self-Employment, may examine or cause to be examined by an agent or representative designated by it for the purpose, any books, papers, records, or memoranda bearing upon the matter required to be included in the return, and may require the attendance of the Taxpayer or officer or agent or any other person having knowledge in the premises, and may take testimony and require proof material for the information, with power to administer oaths to such persons. The Department shall have authority, by order or subpoena to be served with the same force and effect and in the same manner that a subpoena is served in a civil action in the circuit court, to require the production at any time and place it may designate of any books, papers, accounts, or other information necessary to the carrying out of the provisions of this ordinance and the laws under which it is enacted.

6.8. Department Requiring Return or Supplementary Return. If the Department is of the opinion that a Taxpayer has failed to file a return, or has failed to include in a return filed, either intentionally or through error, all Wages paid or all of the Taxpayer's Net Earnings from Self-Employment, it may require from the Taxpayer a return or supplementary return, under oath, in such form as it shall prescribe, of all the Wages which the Taxpayer paid during the quarter for which the return is made or all of the Taxpayer's Net Earnings from Self-Employment during the quarter for which the return is made, whether or not paid with respect to services performed within the Territory. If from a supplementary return, or otherwise, the Department finds that any amounts by which the tax is measured have been omitted from the original return, it may require the amounts so omitted to be disclosed under oath of the Taxpayer, and to be added to the original return. Such supplementary return and the correction of the original return shall not relieve the Taxpayer from any of the penalties to which he may be liable under any provisions of law, whether or not the Department required a return or a supplementary return under this section.

6.9. Tax as Debt; Termination of Taxable Period and Immediate Assessment of Tax.

(1) Every tax imposed upon a Taxpayer, and all increases, interest, and penalties thereon shall become, from the time such liability is incurred, a personal debt, due the District, from the person or persons liable therefor.

(2) If the Department finds that a Taxpayer designs to depart quickly from the state or to remove property therefrom, or to do any other act tending to prejudice or to render wholly or partially ineffectual proceedings to collect the tax for any past quarter or the tax quarter then current, unless such proceedings be brought without delay, the Department shall declare the current taxable period for such Taxpayer immediately terminated and shall cause notice of such finding and declaration to be given the Taxpayer. Simultaneously, the Department, on the basis of the best information available to it, shall assess a tax for such terminated period and for the preceding tax quarter (if no return has been filed therefor, whether or not the time otherwise allowed by law for filing such return and paying the tax has expired), and shall assess additional tax for any quarters open

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to assessment under the provisions of the applicable law. The Department shall give notice to the Taxpayer of all taxes so assessed. Such taxes shall thereupon become immediately due and payable as soon as the notice and findings are issued to the Taxpayer or mailed to Taxpayer's last known address. In any proceeding in court brought to enforce payment of taxes made due and payable by virtue of the provisions of this section, the findings of the Department, made as provided in this section, whether made after notice to the Taxpayer or not, shall be for all purposes presumptive evidence of the Taxpayer's design, and the certificate of the Department of the mailing or issuing of the notice and findings specified in this section is presumptive.

6.10. Waiver, Cancellation or Compromise of Tax, Penalties, and Interest.

(1) The Department may, in its discretion, upon good and sufficient cause, according to and consistent with its rules and regulations, upon making a record of its reason therefor, waive, reduce, or compromise any tax balance of \$10 or less or any part or all of the penalties and interest provided for in this ordinance.

(2) The Department may cancel any tax imposed by this ordinance or any portion thereof, including penalty and interest, which has not been collected, if the Department determines that the administration and collection costs involved would not warrant collection of the amount that can reasonably be expected to be recovered. Each such cancellation shall be evidenced by a written record in the files of the Department, a copy of which shall be sent to the District. Upon canceling the tax, the Department shall also cause to be canceled or released any lien which it may have for the tax so canceled.

6.11. Warrant for Collection of Taxes.

(1) If any tax imposed upon a Taxpayer or any portion of such tax is not paid within 30 days after it becomes due (or within five days, in the case of the termination of the tax quarter by the Department under the provisions of Section 6.9 of this ordinance) and no provision is made to secure the payment of this by bond, deposit, or otherwise pursuant to regulations promulgated by the Department, the Department, pursuant to ORS 267.385, shall issue a warrant under its hand and official seal directed to the sheriff of any court of the state commanding him to levy upon and sell the real and personal property of the Taxpayer found within the county, for the payment of the amount of the tax, with the added penalties, interest, and the sheriff's cost of executing the warrant, and to return such warrant to the Department and pay to it the money collected by virtue thereof by a time to be therein specified, not less than 60 days from the date of the warrant.

(2) The sheriff shall, within five days after the receipt of the warrant, file with the clerk of the county a copy thereof, and thereupon the clerk shall enter in the judgment docket, in the column for judgment debtors, the name of the Taxpayer mentioned in the warrant, and in appropriate columns the amount of the tax or portion thereof and penalties for which the warrant is issued and the date when such copy is filed. Thereupon the amount of the warrant so docketed shall become a lien upon the title to and interest in property of the Taxpayer against

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whom it is issued in the same manner as a judgment duly docketed in the office of such clerk. The sheriff thereupon shall proceed upon the same in all respects, with like effect and in the same manner prescribed by law in respect to executions issued against property upon judgment of a court of record, and shall be entitled to the same fees for his services in executing the warrant, to be added to and collected as a part of the warrant liability.

(3) In the discretion of the Department, a warrant of like terms, force, and effect may be issued and directed to any agent authorized to collect excise taxes, and in the execution thereof, the agent shall have all the powers conferred by law upon sheriffs, but is entitled to no fee or compensation in excess of actual expenses paid in the performance of such duty.

(4) If a warrant is returned not satisfied in full, the Department shall have the same remedies to enforce the claim for taxes against the Taxpayer as if the people of the state had recovered judgment against the Taxpayer for the amount of the tax, and shall balance Taxpayer's assessment record by transferring the unpaid deficiency to Taxpayer's delinquent record.

6.12. Liability of Transferee of Property of Taxpayer for Taxes Imposed on Taxpayer.

(1) When a Taxpayer ceases to exist or is no longer subject to the jurisdiction of the District (although subject to the courts of a state having comity with the State of Oregon), being indebted for excise taxes levied upon the Taxpayer, the transferee of the money or property of the Taxpayer shall be liable for any such tax or deficiency in tax, including penalties and interest, imposed by law on the Taxpayer and accruing or accrued upon the date of transfer, to the extent of the amount of money or value of the property received by the transferee. Property received by the transferee shall be valued at the fair market value of said property at the time of transfer to the initial transferee by the Taxpayer. However, no heir, legatee, devisee, or distributee of an estate of a deceased person shall be liable as a transferee of the decedent or of the decedent's estate (a) after the Department of Revenue's certificate of release with respect to such decedent's estate has been filed with the clerk of the probate court, or (b) where no release has been filed but 90 days have elapsed following a request to the Department by the decedent's representative for such release, unless within that time the probate court, upon application by the Department, finds reasonable grounds for extending the period and allows the Department additional time in which to issue a release.

(2) The amount for which a transferee of the property of a Taxpayer is liable in respect of any such tax or deficiency in tax, including penalties and interest, whether shown on the return of the Taxpayer or determined as a deficiency in the tax, shall be assessed against such transferee and collected and paid in the same manner and subject to the same provisions and limitations as would apply to the Taxpayer had he or it continued subject to the jurisdiction of this District, except as provided in this section.

(3) As used in this section, the term "Transferee" means one not a bona fide purchaser for value and includes an heir, legatee, devisee, distributee of an estate

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of a deceased person, the shareholder of a dissolved corporation, the assignee or donee of an insolvent person, the successor of a corporation which is a party to a corporate reorganization, and persons acting on behalf of such transferees in a fiduciary capacity.

(4) The period of limitation for assessment of any such liability of a transferee shall be as follows:

- (a) In the case of the liability of an initial transferee of the property of the Taxpayer, within one year after the expiration of the period of limitation for assessment against the Taxpayer;
- (b) In the case of the liability of a transferee of a transferee of the property of the Taxpayer, within one year after the expiration of the period of limitation for assessment against the preceding transferee, but not more than three years after the expiration of the period of limitation for assessment against the Taxpayer;
- (c) If, before the expiration of the period of limitation for the assessment of the liability of the transferee, as set forth in paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection, a court proceeding for the collection of the tax or liability in respect thereof has been begun against the Taxpayer or last preceding transferee, then the period of limitation for assessment of the liability of the transferee shall expire one year after final judgment has been rendered in the court proceedings;
- (d) If, before the expiration of the time prescribed in paragraphs (a), (b), or (c) of this subsection for the assessment of the liability, both the Department of Revenue and the transferee have consented in writing to its assessment after such time, the liability may be assessed at any time prior to the expiration of the period of extension agreed upon. The period so agreed upon may be further extended by subsequent agreements in writing made before the expiration of the period of extension previously agreed upon.

(5) For the purposes of this section, if the Taxpayer is deceased, or in the case of a corporation, has terminated its existence, the period of limitation for assessment against the Taxpayer shall be the period which would be in effect had death or termination of existence not occurred.

(6) In the absence of notice to the Department of Revenue of the existence of a fiduciary relationship, notice of liability enforceable under this section in respect to a tax or deficiency in tax, including penalties and interest thereon, imposed by this ordinance, if mailed to the person subject to the liability at the last known address, shall be sufficient for the purposes of this section even if such person is deceased, or is under a legal disability, or, in the case of a corporation, has terminated its existence.

6.13. Refunds.

(1) If the amount of the tax found due as computed is less than the amount theretofore paid, the excess shall be refunded by the Department with interest at the rate provided in Section 6.14 or each month or fraction

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of a month from the time the tax was paid to the time the refund is made. No refund shall be allowed or made after three years from the time the return was filed, or two years from the time the tax or a portion thereof was paid, whichever period expires the later, unless before the expiration of such period a claim for refund is filed by the Taxpayer in compliance with the manner prescribed by the Department. The amount of the refund, exclusive of interest thereon, shall not exceed the portion of the tax paid during such period preceding the filing of the claim, or, if no claim is filed, then during the period preceding the allowance of the refund during which a claim might have been filed. Where there has been an overpayment of any tax imposed, the amount of the overpayment and the interest thereon shall be credited against any tax, penalty, or interest then due from the Taxpayer, and only the balance shall be refunded.

(2) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in subsection (1) of this section, if, prior to the expiration of the period prescribed in subsection (1) of this section, the Department and the Taxpayer consent in writing to the refund of tax after the expiration of the period prescribed, the refund shall be made at any time prior to the expiration of the period agreed upon and no refund shall be made or allowed after the expiration of the period agreed upon unless a claim for refund is filed by the Taxpayer before the expiration of the period agreed upon in compliance with the manner prescribed by the Department. The Department shall have the power to consent to such refund only where the Taxpayer has consented to assessment of additional tax, if such be determined upon audit, after the expiration of the applicable three-year period prescribed.

6.14. Interest Rates. Interest rates on all delinquencies, deficiencies, and refunds for all interest periods shall be as provided in the applicable provisions of ORS Chapters 305 and 314 as now constituted or hereafter amended.

6.15. Appeal to Department.

(1) A Taxpayer may appeal to the Department for the refund or revision, or both, of any excise tax within the time stated below:

- (a) In the case of an appeal for a refund of taxes shown on the return filed by the Taxpayer, within three years from the time the return was filed, or two years from the time the tax, or a part or installment thereof, was paid, whichever period expires the later.
- (b) In the case of an appeal from additional taxes assessed, taxes assessed where no return was filed, or a refund denial issued by the Department, within six months from the date of notice of assessment. Assessments shall be final after the expiration of the period specified in this paragraph and payment of the tax shall not give the Taxpayer any extension of the period within which an appeal may be taken.

(2) The appeal shall be by way of written petition which states the grounds upon which the Taxpayer contends that the assessment is erroneous. The Department shall grant a hearing upon the appeal and shall examine the determination of the amount of tax due, including penalty and interest thereon, and shall redetermine such amount if it is necessary upon the law and the facts to

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do so. The Department shall notify the Taxpayer of its determination of the amount of tax due with penalty and interest, either as originally assessed or as redetermined and shall refund to the Taxpayer the amount, if any, paid in excess of the tax found to be due, with interest thereon as provided in this ordinance. Where there has been an overpayment of any tax, the amount of such overpayment and the interest thereon shall be credited against any tax, or penalty or interest then due from the Taxpayer, and only the balance shall be refunded. If the Taxpayer has failed prior to the time of the appeal, without good cause, to file any return required by law, within the time prescribed by law, or has filed a fraudulent return, or, having filed an incorrect return, has failed, after notice, to file a proper return, the Department shall not reduce or refund so much of the amount of the tax involved in the hearing as it may be found that the Taxpayer owes for any other year or years.

6.16. Appeal from Department. An appeal from the order of the Department upon the application made by the Taxpayer for refund or revision of any tax, as provided for in this Chapter, may be taken by the taxpayer to the Oregon Tax Court. Any such appeal must be made within 60 days after the order of the Department is sent to the Taxpayer. If the Department fails to notify a Taxpayer properly appealing to the Department within 12 calendar months following the month in which the appeal is filed of its determination of the appeal, the Taxpayer may treat the appeal as denied and bring suit in the Oregon Tax Court. All suits brought in the Oregon Tax Court shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in ORS 305.415 through 305.447, 305.475, 305.490 through 305.510 and 305.620 (as amended from time to time).

6.17. Procedural Matters. The provisions of ORS Chapters 305 and 314 (as amended from time to time) as to the audit and examination of reports and returns, determination of deficiencies, interest, penalties, assessments, claims for refund, conferences, appeals to the Director of the Department and the appeals to the Oregon Tax Court, and the procedures relating thereto, shall apply to the determination of taxes, penalties, and interest under this ordinance, except where the context requires otherwise. A Taxpayer may utilize the procedure respecting appeals to the Magistrate Division of the Oregon Tax Court as provided in ORS 305.501 to 305.525.

6.18. When Appeal Stays Collection Proceedings. Unless otherwise ordered by the Circuit Court, an appeal to the Department or to the court from an assessment of taxes or additional taxes shall not stay proceedings to collect any unpaid tax if the Department believes that collection of the tax will be jeopardized by delay.

7. Severability. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this ordinance shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this ordinance, and the remaining provisions of this ordinance shall continue in full force and effect.
8. Effective Date. This ordinance shall go into effect on January 1, 2017.

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Argument in Favor:

The Salem-Keizer metropolitan area needs frequent and reliable transit, including on weekends. The League of Women Voters of Marion and Polk Counties supports the payroll tax measure because it will provide Saturday, Sunday and later evening service as well as student bus passes. The entire area will benefit from a reliable and efficient transit system.

League support is based on our year-long study and interviews in 2012-13. We learned that affordable, convenient transportation is critical for mobility of workers, students, retirees, shoppers, and visitors, as well as for long-term economic vitality. We also learned that service improvements increase ridership. With service improvements, Cherriots annual ridership increased to over five million between 1997 and 2006.

Some businesses suffer when customers and employees do not have transportation on weekends. When people cannot work or access training due to lack of transportation, they may have to rely on costly social services. Many students couldn't participate in after-school activities when Cherriots' bus passes were eliminated.

The League does not make this recommendation lightly. We know that the tax will affect the bottom line of businesses in Cherriots' service area. We believe, however, that the business community stands to benefit from the transit improvements and that the tax is set at a reasonable level. Tri-Met and Lane Transit already rely on payroll taxes for funding. The Salem-Keizer rate, 0.21%, would be about one-third of those transit systems' rates. Our largest area employer, the State of Oregon, already pays Cherriots an in-lieu of payroll tax at 0.6%, about three times the amount Cherriots seeks from local businesses.

Many states use sales or gas taxes to fund public transit. Oregon has no sales tax, and our Constitution limits gas tax use to roads. Cherriots fares have been increased regularly and were raised this year. Fares alone cannot cover the needed improvements to bus service.

The League urges you to support Cherriots with a YES vote on 24-388.

*(This information furnished by Diana Bodtker,
President, League of Women Voters of Marion and Polk Counties)*

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Argument in Favor:

Since eliminating Saturday service in 2009, businesses and nonprofits have urged Cherriots' board to restore this vital service. Unfortunately, local funding for operations is not sufficient to restore that service.

Salem-Keizer Transit needs an additional \$5 million yearly to provide weekend, later evening and selected holiday bus service. If additional funding is secured, local students will have access to a Student Bus Pass and disabled Oregonians would see expanded CherryLift service (paratransit service).

Currently, thousands of transit dependent riders including seniors, must find other ways to get to work, entertainment, religious services or shopping on weekends. Many have no transportation from 9:00 P.M. Friday to early Monday morning. On some holiday weekends, riders have no transportation for three days.

With existing service, students at Chemeketa Community College and employees of businesses are able to travel to school/work by bus, but due to restricted hours are unable to get home. Businesses operating on weekends or later in the evening need employees with access to reliable transportation options.

Cherriots will combine existing revenue sources (passenger fares, property taxes) with the payroll tax to provide the vital transit services worthy of our area.

The proposed payroll tax would be .21% of payroll: 2.1 cents for each \$10 of payroll. The State Employment Division reports the median payroll of Cherriots' service area is just over \$80,000. Half of the 5600 businesses in the area are at that level or below. Those businesses would pay \$42 per quarter or \$169 per year or less for enhanced transit services.

Excluded from this tax would be 501 (C) (3) nonprofit organizations (except hospitals), municipal and county governments and schools. The State of Oregon already pays Cherriots .6% of the payroll of state employees working in our service area. The .6% is approximately three times the amount requested of businesses through this payroll tax measure.

Our area needs weekend service for economic growth and vital services.

Support Yes For Cherriots 24-388.

*(This information furnished by Marcia Kelley,
Yes For Cherriots)*

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Argument in Favor:

**Salem Keizer Would Benefit Economically from
Expanded Bus Services**

**Saturday, Later Evening and Sunday Service
will Help Our Area Grow**

Workforce Transit: Reliable transportation for employees of area businesses that operate in the evenings and on weekends.

More Customers: Expanding service on Saturdays, Sundays and evenings will allow consumers to patronize local businesses and events.

Workforce Recruitment: Improved transportation options help attract and retain residents to the region, especially younger generations seeking more choices in transportation.

Parking Benefits: More buses on the road mean fewer cars, more available parking spaces in busy areas and reduced employer expense for employee parking.

Reduce Congestion: Buses reduce traffic helping supplies and goods to flow more freely. Buses also reduce air pollutants that could trigger costly new regulations on businesses.

Attract Investment; Transit corridors create development opportunities, additional construction investment, and attract businesses seeking to relocate or expand. Salem is the only city over 100,000 in the Pacific Northwest without some Saturday bus service.

Shared Investment: The employer/self-employed payroll tax of 0.21% will provide resources to expand services. The other sources of local revenue are the State of Oregon in-lieu of payroll payments at 0.6% which amounts to about \$5 million annually, the property tax and passenger fares.

***We ask you to join us in voting
YES FOR CHERRIOTS 24-388***

***Together we can make Salem-Keizer a
more vibrant community.***

Roy John Bolduc, Roy John Designer Goldsmith

Nathan Good, Nathan Good Architects P.C.

Harold Wood, Harold's Quality Auto Repair, Inc.

Victor J. Dodier Jr., Dodier Plaza LLC.

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Salem Area Mass Transit District

Argument in Favor:

**Disabled Persons of Salem-Keizer
Urge Yes Vote for Transit**

Being disabled is a challenge! We're as bright and ambitious as everyone else but have a little galaxy of problems most people don't face. One of those problems is getting around our community, since many of us don't drive. This means that, generally, we can only work Monday through Friday, because that's when transit operates. It narrows our employment options but we find ways to cope and adapt. But that also means we have to do our shopping on the weekends, and guess what... that's when transit doesn't operate. Not so good.

We have testified repeatedly at the Transit District asking for weekend service, since Saturday service was cancelled in 2009. We heard repeatedly that there wasn't enough funding to provide it since a levy election failed in 2008. The budget documentation and hearings have repeatedly shown this to be true.

Now it's 2015 and we have a measure targeted specifically at providing extended evening and weekend transit and paratransit service. Our community's disabled people urge all voters to support the measure. Businesses should support it as well. What is the single thing that businesses need most in order to succeed? The answer is: Customers! Businesses will find our money is good and we know how to spend it. We could go out to dinner and a movie or a concert and be able to get back home because of the extended evening service. We will be able to participate in weekend activities including expanded employment options. Sounds great!

Passing this measure will promote additional opportunities for everyone in our community, including disabled persons. It offers great potential for economic, educational, and cultural growth. It is an investment in everyone's ability to participate in and contribute to our home town.

Vote YES for Cherriots, measure 24-388.

Robert Johnson, President, Willamette Chapter
American Council of the Blind

Marja Byers, Director, Blindskills, Inc,

*(This information furnished by Marcia Kelley,
Yes For Cherriots)*

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Measure No. 24-388
Salem Area Mass Transit District

Argument in Favor:

**Weekend and Later Bus Service Vital
to Our Community**

As members of the faith community we understand the need for improved bus transportation in our area.

Many people in our community depend on Cherriots for their activities of daily living. When there is no weekend service many minimum wage workers have difficulty accessing their jobs or other needed services. Seniors and those with disabilities can become isolated in their homes.

With the expanded service including CherryLift those who cannot drive will be able to attend weekend and evening worship services.

With the return of the student bus pass, students can access afterschool activities and religious youth group events even if their parents can't provide transportation.

Having basic transportation seven days a week ensures that people from all walks of life can meet their transportation needs. It is a matter of basic human dignity.

The employer paid payroll tax as an additional source of local funding will allow the Salem-Keizer Transit District to improve the lives of our citizens. The general community already pays through the property tax. The State of Oregon pays almost \$5 million per year in an in-lieu of payroll tax, and the passengers already pay.

We urge you to support the most transportation need in our community by voting YES FOR CHERRIOTS on Measure 24-388.

The Rev. Margaret H. McMurren, Vicar at Prince of
Peace Episcopal Church

Rev. Carl Newswanger, retired Mennonite minister

Rev. Charlie Wallace, Chaplain Emeritus,
Willamette University

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Yes For Cherriots)*

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Measure No. 24-388
Salem Area Mass Transit District

Argument in Opposition:

Employer Transit Tax Targets Small Business
Meaning Charities and Non-Profits will Suffer

The Salem-Keizer Transit District has proposed an unfair and counter-productive employer payroll tax on the November 2015 ballot. Their goal is to raise \$5 million dollars a year through implementation of an employer/self-employed payroll tax of .21 percent. The tax burden will be isolated to local businesses, self-employed individuals, and hospitals. State government, the area's largest employer, will not be required to pay this additional tax nor will other large government entities in Salem-Keizer.

My greatest fear is that local businesses will have \$5 million less to invest in the Salem-Keizer community. I know the good work these organizations do for Salem-Keizer and how much of a difference they make. Choosing to give resources to charities and other non-profits is a wise investment, but one which may diminish if an employer payroll tax passes.

This is an unfair tax that directly impacts the ability of local small businesses to give back to the community. A small group of local employers will take the hit and I am concerned that charitable donations will be reduced or removed entirely from their budgets. Transit is important to our area and local businesses value it, but the cost should be shared equally. I urge you to vote NO on the Salem-Keizer Transit District employer tax.

Richard E. Duncan, AIC, President
Rich Duncan Construction, Inc.

(This information furnished by Rich Duncan)

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Measure No. 24-388
Salem Area Mass Transit District

Argument in Opposition:

Employer Tax Will Affect Patient Care, Increase Cost of Health Care

The healthcare community is dependent upon public transportation to provide patients with access to needed health care. A dependable and affordable public transportation option is necessary in our community to see that access to needed care is available to all.

The current proposed expansion of services through the introduction of an employer transit tax is the wrong approach to meet this need, however. The pursuit of better community health is a shared goal and all parties must participate and cooperate. The patient, the healthcare provider, the hospital and insurer each have a role that must be fulfilled. An employer transit tax proposal that exempts public employers and relies on small businesses and the healthcare community to pay is ill-advised. Many healthcare providers are small businesses and this tax will take dollars away from their patients. Tax dollars removed from their practices and used to fund expanded transportation services, are ultimately taken from patients.

Healthcare providers support a community wide discussion of the necessity of expanded transit services and, if proven necessary, the adoption of a fair, equitable, and sustainable funding source that does not increase the cost of health care.

Vote NO on this measure.

Thomas R. Chambers Jr., R.T.(R).,(MR)
General Manager
Mission Medical Imaging

*(This information furnished by Thomas R. Chambers Jr.,
Mission Medical Imaging)*

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Salem Area Mass Transit District

Argument in Opposition:

A strong community is one where challenges are addressed by all parts of the community. In the case of Cherriots, looking to fund the expansion of service to include evenings and weekends, the burden is being solely placed on the backs of business owners.

Business owners take on hundreds of thousands of dollars of debt and unbelievable risk as part of their operation. Besides the services they provide, a key by-product they provide are jobs.

Private sector jobs are gold to any community and targeting those jobs with a tax is not wise. Keep in mind this is the go-to tax for many government entities because they know it is a small population to fight. These taxes add up and have real consequences as employers are discouraged from hiring.

Cherriots had the option of a more inclusive community approach by pursuing a property tax that more people could share in. They chose to pursue the payroll tax in the belief that the voters will support something they don't have to pay for.

The Salem-Keizer community is better than this!
Making your neighbors pay more so you don't have to doesn't build goodwill or make sense.

Community leaders are working with Cherriots officials to come up with a legislative fix to their funding needs. Let's reject this tax that targets our local businesses and work toward something we all can support.

T.J. Sullivan
Small Business Owner

(This information furnished by T.J. Sullivan)

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Measure No. 24-388
Salem Area Mass Transit District

Argument in Opposition:

New Unfair Employer Tax not the Answer

Measure 24-388 proposes an expansion of Salem-Keizer Transit District services, which will cost our community \$5,000,000 annually. Voters within the Urban Growth Boundary of Salem-Keizer, Oregon are asked to decide whether or not to fund this expansion of services through a payroll tax. While the expansion of evening and weekend services may be desired, this kind of funding tax is not.

Why is this bad for the greater Keizer area?

- The tax will only be on local small businesses—State Government, our area's largest employer will be exempt from the tax.
- The tax is more than double what is collected from ticket fares from riders.
- The tax may double in ten years without a vote of the people.
- The tax will deter job creation. With more money going towards taxes, there is less available to create jobs and expand businesses, which means more unemployment and lower wages. Payroll taxes are paid by employers for every employee they hire and employ. This is a direct incentive not to hire a new employee or increase a current employee's wage.
- This tax will increase costs for hospitals and medical clinics. Those dollars should be used for patient care, not to pay for an unfair tax. It is our responsibility as a community to keep healthcare costs affordable for our seniors and those on fixed incomes.

Our community does not need another tax on small businesses during an economic recovery already scarce of jobs. This expansion of services is desired, but should be accomplished through a mechanism that is fair to all, not one that targets a small segment of our community. Please stand with the Keizer Chamber against this unprecedented and unfair funding mechanism that is decidedly not good for keeping jobs in the area. We appreciate your support and no vote.

Christine Dieker
Keizer Chamber of Commerce
Executive Director

*(This information furnished by Christine Dieker,
Keizer Chamber of Commerce)*

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Measure No. 24-388
Salem Area Mass Transit District

Argument in Opposition:

The Salem Area Chamber of Commerce asks you to stand with our local private sector businesses to vote “no” on the unfair employer tax.

Our organization has a rich history of coming alongside our public sector partners to help them be successful leveraging broad based community support for projects that benefit the community as a whole. We’ve worked directly with the City of Salem, Salem-Keizer Schools and Chemeketa Community College on the passage of bonds that have improved our roads, built new schools and improved existing ones, and expanded services at our community college.

Targeting a fraction of our community’s taxpayers is unfair, and hinders our area’s job creators from increasing wages of their employees, which is precisely what this unfair employer tax does. This tax is a threat to community giving. Our region is known for our generous small business community that strongly supports charitable organizations to serve the most vulnerable. This tax will jeopardize the flexibility to give.

In addition, our region’s largest employer – the State of Oregon – is exempt from this measure, meaning the dollars needed to provide the service come from only our community’s private sector businesses with no tangible data that indicates a direct benefit.

Since 2009, our community has moved away from public transportation – trips recorded declined by nearly 1,000,000 each year. Salem-Keizer Transit should make every effort to increase ridership with existing resources prior to seeking additional funding. While we believe positive changes are on the horizon for Cherriots, the results need to be made evident by more people taking advantage of this valuable community service and without asking the business community to foot the bill.

We understand and appreciate the value a robust transit system could bring to our community, achieving this system only on the backs of private sector businesses is not the right solution. We urge you: vote no on this unfair employer tax.

Dan Clem, CEO of the Salem Area Chamber of Commerce

*(This information furnished by Dan Clem,
CEO Salem Area Chamber of Commerce)*

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Measure No. 24-388
Salem Area Mass Transit District

Argument in Opposition:

5 Reasons to Vote No on Employer Transit Tax

Voters within the Urban Growth Boundary of Salem-Keizer, Oregon are being asked to decide whether or not to fund an expansion of services offered by Salem-Keizer Transit District. This proposed expansion of services will cost our community \$5,000,000 annually. Let’s take a look at the pros and cons to decide if this is good for Salem-Keizer.

Pros

- Expanded evening and weekend service is desired in our community.

Cons

- The tax will only be on local small businesses– State Government, our area’s largest employer will be exempt from the tax.
- The tax is more than double what is collected from rider ticket fares.
- The tax could double in ten years without a vote of the people.
- The tax will deter job creation. With more money going towards taxes, there is less available to create jobs and expand businesses, which means more unemployment and lower wages. Payroll taxes are paid by employers for every employee they hire and employ. This is a direct incentive to avoid both hiring a new employee and increasing a current employee’s wage.
- This tax will increase costs for hospitals and medical clinics. Those dollars should be used for patient care, not to pay for an unfair tax.

It is our responsibility as a community to keep health care affordable for our community, especially those in most need like seniors and those on fixed incomes. Our community does not need another tax on small businesses during an economic recovery already scarce of jobs. This expansion of services is desired and important, but should be accomplished through a mechanism that is fair to all, not one that targets a small segment of our community.

Please stand with local small businesses against this unprecedented and unfair funding mechanism that is decidedly not good for Salem. We welcome your support as we work to defeat this job killing payroll tax.

*(This information furnished by Nick Williams,
Create Jobs PAC Administrator)*

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Salem Area Mass Transit District

Argument in Opposition:

Please don't overlook the facts! As a mother I have always encouraged my boys to understand both sides of an issue in order to make an educated decision. This means not just listening to the loudest advocate or to taking the easiest way out. This is the same request I am making of you the voter. As a small business owner, city volunteer and community advocate I see how this new tax will impact the community.

Here's what you need to know. If this measure passes our small business owners will be taxed THREE times on behalf of the Salem/Keizer Transit- their personal property tax, homeowners tax and now their business! Our local businesses are fighting to survive! Recent state legislation has made it impossible for some to continue operating, let alone create jobs. Local businesses are the ones that support non-profits and our communities. If we continue to burden local businesses financially, we will lose the progress made after the 2008 recession. We will struggle to stay in business, maintain jobs, hire new employees and give back to Salem-Keizer.

You need to know how this will impact you, the community and consumer. Health care costs will go up. \$5 million in revenue will be taken out of the local economy and jobs will NOT be created! It will also have a huge impact on citizens. I am moving forward on a taskforce that will find a different method to assist the transit district in meeting Salem-Keizer's needs. However I recommend that the transit board first take a hard look at their current financial standing. They must be more fiscally responsible and accountable. They are not asking our largest local employer, THE STATE of OREGON, to pay the additional tax.

WE MUST UNITE and REBUILD our local economy. Please join me in voting NO against the Employer Tax. Together we can find better solutions that help everyone.

Amy Ripp
Owner, Ecostar Carpet Care

(This information furnished by Amy Ryan)

Measure No. 24-388
Salem Area Mass Transit District

Argument in Opposition:

State Government is Exempt from Employer Transit Tax Leaving the Burden on Small Businesses—
Why?

The justification for providing public transit is that the market fails to provide enough affordable transportation options to the unemployed, the disabled, the elderly, and the young and others. Unfortunately, the Salem-Keizer Transit District's proposed employer tax undermines progress toward sound transit options and economic opportunity for marginalized people in the community.

An employer tax, also known as a payroll tax, directly discourages a business from hiring more employees or giving raises to current employees because doing so increases the employer's tax burden. Such a tax has two likely implications: making it more expensive for the employer to hire employees or reducing a potential employee's wage if they are hired at all. Employer taxes are particularly regressive for people in low-wage sectors of the economy because not only will they have to pay for bus tickets but a portion of their wage will have been taxed away before they are hired.

Additionally, this tax could mean higher prices for basic necessities, further harming the least well off. The healthcare industry makes up a large portion of Salem-Keizer employment and an employer tax will particularly impact this sector meaning increased prices and reduced charity care.

To make things worse, since Salem-Keizer houses such high numbers of government employees, the burden of the proposed payroll tax only falls on a portion of the employers in the area. Salem-Keizer employers and employees should not have to bear the burden of paying for expanded bus service alone when the largest area employer, State Government, is exempt. If public transit is essential to the health of the community, then the whole community should pay. Please vote NO on the Salem-Keizer Transit District employer tax!

William Newell

(This information furnished by William Newell)

Measure No. 24-388
Salem Area Mass Transit District

Argument in Opposition:

New Employer Transit Tax Places Burden on Small Business – Tax Will Likely Double in 10 Years

The Employer Tax that our local transit district is trying to impose on private sector employers (and those who are self-employed) is both **unacceptable** and **unfair**. While I agree that Transit does play a critical role for the Salem/Keizer area, I adamantly disagree with the proposed funding mechanism. Citizens cannot expect the local business community to shoulder this burden alone. Inexcusably, two of Salem's largest employers, the State of Oregon and Salem/Keizer School District are exempt from this tax. How does that make sense and how can any reasonable voter see this as being fair?

As much as the transit leadership would want you to believe that this new tax is good for businesses I can assure you that it is not. If our community believes that it is necessary for transit to expand evening and weekend services then the entire community should pay for it, not just a minority of the population. Furthermore, are you aware that fare prices are already very low? It costs \$1.60 for an adult and only .80¢ for a student? Those that ride the bus should certainly bear some responsibility for expanded service.

Portland and Eugene both approved this funding mechanism in their communities. As a result, over the last 10 years, they have raised this tax on businesses 10 out of the last 10 years in Portland and 7 out of the last 10 years in Eugene. Salem/Keizer employers could see their taxes double in 10 years with no end in sight as there is no sunset written into this measure. Again, this is unacceptable and must be stopped. I am voting 'NO' on this new tax on local businesses and I implore you to join me in putting a **STOP** to **THE EMPLOYER TAX**

Ryan Allbritton

(This information furnished by Ryan Allbritton)

Measure No. 24-388
Salem Area Mass Transit District

Argument in Opposition:

Why Would 22,000 State Employees be Exempt from Tax?

It is offensive to me that the Salem-Keizer Transit District thinks local businesses should pay for 100% of expanded transit service. Because the greatest percentage of the workforce in our community is made up of government employees, it isn't fair to ask private employers to shoulder the costs of added transit services alone. If this is in fact a valid, reasonable, and appropriate need, everyone should be required to pitch in for the added service.

I question whether the transit board has acted or operated in the most efficient manner. I think a new revenue source would not be necessary if the current resources were managed appropriately. This tax will bring in nearly double the revenue for the transit district than is paid by passengers using the service. Additionally, the tax could double after 10 years, putting an even greater burden on local employers.

Nathan Levin

(This information furnished by Nathan Levin)

**Measure No. 24-388
Salem Area Mass Transit District**

Argument in Opposition:

Supporting Small Business, Not New Taxes, Creates Jobs- Vote No on Employer Transit Tax

As a small business owner I am against the Salem-Keizer Transit District's proposed employer tax. I have been in business for just over five years. We opened in a down economy. As I have struggled to make it out of this economy, the growth I've experienced has been used to pay back debt and to increase wages and benefits for my employees. This tax will slow down this progress. This tax will limit the raises I can give to my employees and will cut how much money I can invest in the Salem-Keizer community. I am a smaller business but I do support my community. I will have to cut out donations to schools and events. I will have to cut what I spend helping non-profit organizations.

The five million a year that the transit district will raise from this tax will come from our community's pocket. This will affect you, your neighbor and your businesses. I am not saying that Salem-Keizer does not need the service, but there are other ways to fund transit. This tax is also very unfair because it excludes state and local government and the burden is on a select few Salem-Keizer businesses. This tax is also open ended and can be increased as the district sees fit. As a business owner, I would never sign a contract that was opened ended.

As we promote the local economy, we need to stand against this tax. We need to help business to grow, create more jobs and more employee benefits. We need to create an economy of growth not more taxes. A tax that will burden employers will not put more bodies on the bus; employees with a raise will do that. Join me by voting NO on the Salem-Keizer employer tax.

Treva Gambs
Owner, Gamberetti's Italian Restaurant

(This information furnished by Treva Gambs)

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Marion County 24 Hour Ballot Drop Box Locations

Keizer City Hall
930 Chemawa Rd NE
Keizer

Open 24 Hours

Marion County Health Building
3180 Center St NE
Salem

Open 24 Hours

The Marion County Public Works Drop Box is only open Mon - Fri, 8 am - 5 pm

Marion County Public Works
5155 Silverton Rd NE
Salem

**Open Mon - Fri
8 AM - 5 PM**

Measure No. 24-389
Keizer Fire District

Referred to the People by the District Board

**KEIZER RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND**

Question: Shall the District issue general obligation bonds not to exceed \$6,220,000? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Summary: If approved, this measure would provide funds for capital costs including:

- Purchase firefighting equipment and apparatus;
- Purchase emergency response vehicles and equipment, including ambulances;
- Refurbish and renovate firefighting equipment and apparatus; and
- Purchase emergency communications equipment and pay the costs of bond issuance.

The Bonds would mature not later than twenty years and six months (20.5) years from the date of issuance. Under this structure, property owners are estimated to pay an average of 14 cents per thousand of assessed value each year. The estimated annual average cost would be \$14 per \$100,000 of taxable assessed value. The actual cost may vary depending upon interest rates, assessed value growth and other factors.

The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY, based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of the estimate.

Explanatory Statement:

The Keizer Fire District provides emergency medical services, fire suppression and prevention, specialized rescue, and HazMat services to approximately 37,000 citizens in a 10.5-square mile area, known as Keizer Fire District. KFD serves the city of Keizer as well as unincorporated portions of Marion County. Services for the Fire District are provided by 30 Career firefighters/paramedics and 40 volunteer members along with your five member, publically elected, Board of Directors, who oversee all of Keizer Fire District policies, budget expenditures, and management of the Keizer Fire District. The Board of Directors for Keizer Fire District voted unanimously to place this measure before the voters, for the purpose of purchasing fire trucks,

Measure No. 24-389
Keizer Fire District

Explanatory Statement: (cont.)

ambulances, and emergency equipment as further described below.

What does this measure call for?

The last 20 year bond measure approved by the voters in 1996 will be paid off in February 2016. The previous bond funds were used to pay for the Keizer Fire District Headquarters Station located at 661 Chemawa Road, (east of River Road) in Keizer. This would be a new 20.5 year bond to pay for replacement of aging Fire Trucks, Ambulances and Emergency Equipment.

If approved, this measure would provide funds for capital purchases and costs including:

- Purchase firefighting equipment and apparatus;
- Purchase emergency response vehicles and equipment, including ambulances;
- Refurbish and renovate firefighting equipment and apparatus; and
- Purchase emergency communications equipment
- Purchase rescue tools and emergency medical equipment
- And pay the costs of bond issuance.

The Bonds would mature not later than twenty years and six months (20.5) years from the date of issuance. Under this structure, property owners are estimated to pay an average of 14 cents per thousand of assessed value each year. The actual cost may vary depending upon interest rates, assessed value growth and other factors.

The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY, based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of the estimate.

What would the cost be to the typical homeowner?

The measure is estimated to cost tax payers, 14 cents per thousand of assessed value, each year. For the owner of a home or property, the estimated annual cost would be \$14 per \$100,000 of taxable assessed value.

Jeff Cowan, Keizer Fire Chief
Keizer Fire District

**No arguments were submitted in
opposition to Measure 24-389**

Measure No. 24-389
Keizer Fire District

Argument in Favor:

The Keizer Fire District Board of Directors asks you to Please support this Keizer Fire District Bond Measure to replace our Aging Fire Trucks, Ambulances, and Emergency Equipment

Hello Keizer Fire District,

The need is urgent; some of our Rescue and Fire equipment is over 20 years old. Some equipment has over 150,000 miles on it. There are specific details in other parts of this voters pamphlet. I encourage you to read the pamphlet. The cost to maintain the old equipment is high and growing larger each year. Generally speaking we need ambulances, fire engines, support vehicles, updated rescue and communication equipment to keep the Fire District running at peak capacity.

The Keizer Fire Board of Directors, past and present, would like to thank you for your support in providing emergency services to our Keizer community. The past Boards discussed the need for new equipment with our Citizen Advisory Panel. The current Board has been in these discussions as well. Your Keizer Fire Board of Directors decided it was important to pay off the Station Bond that built our fire station, prior to asking Fire District members for additional tax money for equipment.

Support of this Bond is insurance your Fire District will be able to respond to your emergency in six minutes or less. Your support of us in the past to fund emergency response staffing has been implemented. Now we need your vote to provide for the equipment to get staff to your home in the event of your emergency.

Please join me in voting yes on the Keizer Fire District Emergency Equipment Bond Measure.

Sincerely yours,

Joe Van Meter
Keizer Fire District Board President

(This information furnished by Joe Van Meter)

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Measure No. 24-389
Keizer Fire District

Argument in Favor:

Citizens Advisory Committee and Keizer Fire Budget Committee Urge you to vote "Yes" for Keizer Fire Bond Measure

Serving as a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee, Budget Committee and now as the Vice President of the Board of Directors I have observed first-hand the strategic planning process followed by the Keizer Fire District. The current plan began in 2010 and periodic updates have been made since then. The emergency fire equipment part of the plan was fully vetted with the Citizens' Advisory Committee in February of this year. That select group of Keizer residents, representing a cross-section of the community, supported the plan to seek voter approval of a fire-equipment bond to pay for new emergency equipment. The tax rate would be 14 cents per thousand of assessed valuation.

Approval of the fire-equipment bond will take care of the equipment needs of the district, as outlined in the strategic plan, for the next 20 years. The district's ambulances are, on average, 12 years old with an average of 155,000 miles. The cost of keeping them on the road has become very expensive.

With the current station bond levy ending in February 2016, any change in homeowner property taxes will be minimal. The benefit will be a significant enhancement to service levels and the ability to more effectively respond to the growth in calls for services.

With my background in financial management and strategic planning for organizations with million-dollar budgets, my focus has been on the wise financial stewardship of the organization's resources. The Keizer Fire District has this same focus. So whether you call them fire trucks or engines, medic units or ambulances, the need to address this aging fleet is real and is deserving of your support.

Please join me in voting YES on the Emergency Equipment Bond Measure for the Keizer Fire District.

Chet Patterson
Vice President, Keizer Fire District

(This information furnished by Chester Patterson)

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Oregon Voter Registration Card

you may use this form to:

- **register to vote**
- **update your information**

1 Print with a black or blue pen to complete the form.

2 Sign the form.

3 Mail or drop off the form at your County Elections Office.

Your County Elections Office will mail you a Voter Notification Card to confirm your registration.

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for the hearing impaired

information disclosure

Information submitted on an Oregon Voter Registration Card is public record. However, information submitted in the Oregon Driver's License section is, by law, held confidential.

assistance

If you need assistance registering to vote or voting please contact your County Elections Official.

→ If you are 17, you will not receive a ballot until an election occurs on or after your 18th birthday.



The deadline to register to vote is the 21st day before an election

Only registered voters are eligible to sign petitions

→ **You must provide your valid Oregon Driver's License, Permit or ID number.**

A suspended Driver's License is valid, a revoked Driver's License is not valid.

-or-

If you do not have valid Oregon ID, provide the last four digits of your Social Security number.

-or-

If you do not have a Social Security number or valid Oregon identification, provide a copy of one of the following that shows your name and current address:

acceptable identification:

- valid photo identification
- a paycheck stub
- a utility bill
- a bank statement
- a government document
- proof of eligibility under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) or the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act (VAEH)



qualifications

Are you a citizen of the United States of America? yes no

Are you at least 17 years of age? yes no

If you mark no in response to either of these questions, do not complete this form.

personal information *required information

last name* first* middle

Oregon residence address (include apt. or space number)* city* zip code*

date of birth (month/day/year)* county of residence

phone email

mailing address (required if different than residence) city/state zip code

Oregon Driver's License/ID number

Provide a valid Oregon Driver's License, Permit or ID:

□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

I do not have a valid Oregon Driver's License/Permit/ID. The last 4 digits of my Social Security Number (SSN) are:

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I do not have a valid Oregon Driver's License/Permit/ID or a SSN. I have attached a copy of acceptable identification.

political party

Not a member of a party

Americans Elect

Constitution

Democratic

Independent

Libertarian

Pacific Green

Progressive

Republican

Working Families

Other _____

signature I swear or affirm that I am qualified to be an elector and I have told the truth on this registration.

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! If you sign this card and know it to be false, you can be fined up to \$125,000 and/or jailed for up to 5 years.

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vote will do no good:
'Tis but one step more to think
one vote will do no harm.
Ralph Waldo Emerson