



Lincoln County Voters' Pamphlet Special Election March 9, 2010



This Voters' Pamphlet is provided to give you, the voter, additional information on candidates and measures. You will not vote on every issue in this pamphlet. Your ballot will contain only those issues for which you are eligible to vote - based on where you live. If you have any questions, please call our office at (541) 265-4131. Also visit our website: www.co.lincoln.or.us/clerk/ **"Customer Service is our #1 Priority!"**

Dana W. Jenkins, Lincoln County Clerk

Voting Instructions

Check Your Ballot!

- To vote you must fill in the oval (●) completely with a pencil or pen.
- To write in a name — Fill in the oval (●) to the left of the write-in line and write in the name on the write-in line.
- If you vote for more candidates than allowed, or if you vote both Yes and No on a measure, it is called an over-vote.
Your vote **will not count** for that candidate or measure.
- You do not have to vote on all contests. Those you do vote on will still be counted.

→ **Remember, if stated on your ballot, vote both sides of your ballot.**

- After voting—SEAL the ballot in the ballot secrecy envelope.
- SEAL your BALLOT (enclosed in the secrecy envelope), inside the return envelope, SIGN THE RETURN ENVELOPE in the space provided, and mail it in time to be received in the office of the County Clerk by March 9th, or drop it off at a designated drop site (see drop sites below).

- Contact Lincoln County Elections office at 541-265-4131 to request a replacement ballot if:
 - you make a mistake

- your ballot is damaged or spoiled
- your ballot is lost or for any other reason.

Ballot Drop Site Locations

★ Privacy Booth Available

★ LINCOLN CITY CITY HALL

801 SW Hwy 101; Lincoln City
INSIDE BOX: 8:00am to 5pm M-F
 (January 29 through March 8)
 March 9th ONLY (Election Day) 8am-8pm

OUTSIDE BOX: Drive-up ballot box in lower parking lot—open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until 8pm on March 9th (beginning January 29)

★ LINCOLN COUNTY COURTHOUSE

225 W Olive, Room 201; Newport
INSIDE BOX: 8:30am to 5pm M-F
 (January 29 through March 8)
 March 9th ONLY (Election Day) 7am-8pm

OUTSIDE BOX: Drive-up ballot box in rear parking lot—open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until 8pm on March 9th (beginning January 29)

Your ballot must be received at a designated drop site (including the Courthouse) by 8:00pm on March 9, 2010. You may mail it in or take it to a drop site any day before that also. (beginning on dates listed above.)

POSTAGE IS NOT REQUIRED AT THESE DROP SITES!

Measure 21-135 City of Lincoln City (proposed by referendum petition)

Ballot Title

21-135

Business License Tax on Motor Vehicle Fuel Dealers

Question: Should there be a three cents per gallon tax on motor vehicle fuel sold or distributed in Lincoln City?

Summary: Ordinance 2009-13 requires all dealers of motor vehicle fuel in the city to pay a business license tax starting July 1, 2010. Dealers will pay three cents per gallon on all motor vehicle fuel they sell or distribute. Fuel used by the Armed Forces and fuel not used on public streets are exempt. It is anticipated most dealers will pass on the charge to customers, which will distribute the burden of road maintenance beyond Lincoln City residents to other users of city streets including non-residents and visitors. The anticipated revenues will help offset expected reductions in funding sources, although the city will still need to find other sources of funds such as grants to adequately maintain streets at an estimated cost of \$450,000 per year. The ordinance requires all net revenues to be used only for street construction, repair, and maintenance.

“Yes” vote approves the dealer’s business license tax of three cents per gallon of fuel.

“No” vote rejects the dealer’s business license tax of three cents per gallon of fuel.

years to the existing pavement. Streets that are not overlaid with new asphalt before serious deterioration occurs have a much higher repair cost. In addition, many streets were not built to current standards and have inadequate subgrade.

Urban Renewal funds have enabled the city to keep current with minimum maintenance requirements and have also been responsible for the complete rebuilding of a number of city streets, including streets in Delake, Taft, Nelscott, and Oceanlake. With the approaching sunset of Urban Renewal, these funds will no longer be available. Revenues from this ordinance will allow the city to keep current with needed street maintenance.

Fuel used by the Armed Forces, and fuel used solely on private property for farming and other agricultural uses, is exempt.

Due to a state deadline, the city did not have adequate time to refer the ordinance to a vote before the measure needed to take effect.

“Yes” vote approves the motor vehicle fuel dealer’s license tax of three cents per gallon of fuel.

“No” vote rejects the motor vehicle fuel dealer’s license tax of three cents per gallon of fuel.

*(This information submitted by Cathy Steere,
City Recorder, City of Lincoln City.)*

Explanatory Statement

The City of Lincoln City adopted an ordinance providing for motor vehicle fuel dealers to pay a license tax of three cents per gallon on all fuel sold or distributed in Lincoln City, beginning July 1, 2010. The ordinance requires all net revenues to be used only for street construction, repair, and maintenance. The repair and maintenance includes patching, overlays, street sweeping, crosswalks, signs, storm drain cleaning, and other related work. If the average resident who drives uses 10 gallons of fuel a week, the impact of the ordinance would be 30 cents or \$15.60 per year.

The law will help fairly distribute the cost of maintaining local roads beyond Lincoln City residents to include visitors. The license tax is estimated to produce revenues to cover the city’s minimum street maintenance costs.

The tax revenues will help offset reductions in funding for street maintenance, including reductions in state gas tax revenues, which declined more than 18 percent in 2009 and will be further reduced in 2010. Presently the city has available \$150,000 for annual overlays; however, adequately maintaining existing streets is estimated to cost \$450,000 annually for the next ten years. There are little to no existing funds available to make other improvements including those related to safety and storm drainage.

Lincoln City’s paved streets are asphalt and have a pavement life of about 20 years. After 20 years, if the subgrade is sound, a two-inch asphalt overlay will add up to twenty

Measure 21-135 Arguments

Argument in Favor

Lincoln City citizens have always wisely supported carefully selected tax increases that have built critical infrastructure for the present and long-term future of the city. Citizens have the opportunity to make decisions that will give our community the best possible chance to thrive.

Streets are public infrastructure like water and sewer, in the community interest. They are funded with public tax dollars for the common good.

A functional city-wide transportation system is vital to our local residents, businesses and our coastal tourism economy. Many of our streets have safety issues, and there are critical transportation capacity issues which cannot be resolved without additional resources. Without these additional funds our city streets will deteriorate slowly at first, then at a rapid pace even while the traffic burden grows.

Residents have stated in a community-wide survey that traffic safety and lack of congestion were very important to the community. This tax is three cents per-gallon gas tax dedicated for our street maintenance and improvements. The cost, would be thirty cents a week or \$15.60 per year. This is reasonable because those that use the city streets pay for them including non-residents and visitors.

The alternatives for funding street maintenance in Lincoln City, such as a transportation utility fee, property tax, all cost more. If the city used general funds to cover the street costs the consequences would ultimately be significant cuts to police, library and essential community programs. Many cities in Oregon have a gas tax for the same reasons. When the cities implemented a local fuel tax the businesses did not see a drop in sales, nor did they see an increase in the cost per gallon.

As a community we have the difficult task of making sound decisions. This vote is important for our daily lives and for our future. Vote YES to support our community.

Endorsed by

Mayor Lori Hollingsworth

Councilors: Rick Brissette, Sharon Cannon, Chester Noreikis

Former councilor: Doug Holbrook

*(This information furnished by Lori Hollingsworth,
Mayor of Lincoln City.)*

Argument in Opposition

Here we go again... More gas taxes. How much do we already pay?

Lincoln City receives money for maintenance of streets and storm drainage from 4 sources. Last year Lincoln City received \$313,767 as their allocation from State Fees (car registration), \$298,893 from state gas taxes, \$91,618 from system development charges and \$787,883 from Lincoln City Transient room taxes. For a total of \$1,492,107.00 (almost 1.5 million dollars)

Of the approx. 5.9 million dollars Lincoln City received over the last 4 years, they have managed to spend all but about \$400,000 on, street sweeping, storm drain cleaning, signage, crosswalks, patching, etc. Now Lincoln City says, "increasing costs of personnel and materials has eroded the funding for available renovations, e.g., overlays".

Lincoln City recently estimated \$450,000 per year was needed to repave streets before serious deterioration occurs. This begs the following questions. Did Lincoln City just figure this out? And why is Lincoln City spending all their money on personnel and materials that don't involve repaving?

It seems that having Hwy 101 (state maintained) as the main street, our maintenance costs would be lower. Much of our traffic is concentrated on 101.

The argument is made that, "Tourists don't pay their share of road maintenance costs". The numbers seem to show a different picture. Tourists pay over 50% of the money used for the up keep of roads, through transient room taxes, registration fees, and gas taxes.

Low income, and retired residents of Lincoln City, who seldom travel to other towns, cannot avoid paying the gas tax. Vacationers traveling here can plan their trips and fill up before leaving or upon returning home. Gas can be purchased outside of Lincoln City by businesses and individuals who travel to the valley. Should we be increasing taxes on our most vulnerable residents, or should we live within our means? How about wisely spending the resources we already have?

*(This information furnished by James H. Hoover, Jr.,
Lincoln County Americans for Prosperity.)*

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New Drive-Up Ballot Drop Boxes Now Available in Lincoln City and Newport



New drive-up ballot drop boxes are now available at the Lincoln City City Hall in Lincoln City and the Lincoln County Courthouse in Newport.

These drive-up ballot boxes will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from January 29 through 8:00pm on March 9.

Lincoln City:

Lincoln City City Hall – located in the lower parking lot under the City Hall.

Turn west at the stop light by the City Hall. (across from Burger King).

Enter the one-way entrance to the parking lot under the building.

The ballot box is near the elevators next to the water payment box and the book and video drops.

(It is marked “Official Ballot Drop Site.”)

Put your ballot in the box without having to get out of your car!

Newport:

Lincoln County Courthouse – located in rear parking lot at the east end of the second row of parking.

Go west on West Olive Street to 4-way stop by the jail.

Turn left onto SW Nye Street.

Turn left into second entrance to courthouse rear parking lot.

Go all the way to the end of the row and you will see the ballot box on the left side. (It is marked “Official Ballot Drop Site.”)

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