

# VOTER PAMPHLET FOR CITY OF BANKS

## MEASURE 34-76

### LEVY TO MAINTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

**QUESTION:** Shall City continue levy at \$1.80 per assessed thousand for five years beginning in fiscal year 2004-2005 for police services? This measure may cause property taxes to raise more than 3%.

**SUMMARY:** This measure may be passed only at an election with at least 50% voter turnout. The City Council unanimously recommended this measure being placed on the March ballot. In 1998, the citizens/voters established funding via a levy of \$1.80 per assessed thousand each year for (5) years to provide police services. This measure continues that existing levy. If you received this ballot, those police services are for you. Those services will fund three full time positions that: respond to 911 calls, work in crime prevention, work with youth and school programs, do traffic enforcement, investigate violent crimes, theft, domestic violence, drug crimes, drunk driving, neighborhood nuisances and disturbances, etc.

**THIS MEASURE WILL NOT CAUSE A TAX RATE INCREASE.**

The potential total amount of the (5) year levy is estimated at \$525,000. The estimated tax rate effect is \$180.00 per year for a home with an assessed property value of \$100,000. The tax revenue the City will receive is an ESTIMATE ONLY, based on the total value of the City and the best information available from the County Assessor at the time of the estimate.

This levy won by a majority vote last May and September, but was not put in effect because of inadequate voter turnout.

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT:

#### Why is this levy proposed?

It gives the City residents the option to continue local law enforcement services by renewing a voter approved five year levy that expires in 2008.

#### Who is served by the City's police department?

If you received this ballot, the City's police serve you. The number of people served has increased by approximately 60% since 1998.

### How are police services funded?

This five year voter approved levy (\$1.80 per \$1,000 assessed value) funds 44% of the police services. Voters previously approved this same levy in 1998. Other police resource funding comes from the City's general fund.

### Does the levy increase the number of staff?

No. The levy will fund staffing and services funded by the 1998 levy; it does not provide for any new positions. It will allow the City to fill the vacant police chief position.

### What impact would the levy have on a homeowner's property tax?

The replacement levy is estimated to average \$1.80 per \$1,000 assessed value. It renews the prior levy of \$1.80 per \$1,000 assessed value. If approved, owners of a home would see the following estimated annual impact:

\$100,000 assessed home	$\$1.80 \times \$100,000 = \$180.00$
\$150,000 assessed home	$\$1.80 \times \$150,000 = \$270.00$

This replacement levy has been passed by voters in the last two elections, but could not be put into effect because the voter turnout was less than the 50% required.

### When would this renewed levy first appear on the property tax bill?

The property tax bill due in November 2004 would include this levy. This levy would not increase the tax rate from the current rate.

### Why does the ballot question warn that the measure may cause property taxes to raise more than 3%?

Under Oregon law, ORS 280.070, all ballot measures authorizing the imposition of local option taxes require the ballot title to contain this statement.