



Proposed Measure 34-311: Police, Fire, and Parks Local Option Levy Renewal

The May 17 ballot will contain proposed Measure 34-311 that, if passed, would renew the current operating local option levy to maintain police, fire, and parks services.

The City of Hillsboro provides public safety services, including police, fire, and emergency medical services to the community. The City also provides parks maintenance services to City parks, facilities, wetlands, and natural areas. The proposed measure would provide funding to maintain police, fire, and emergency medical services, and parks maintenance services.

Voters authorized the current local option tax levy of \$1.72 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2017. The current levy expires in June 2023. Hillsboro's local option levy was first authorized by voters in 1998. The proposed levy would continue the current rate of \$1.72 per \$1,000 of assessed value for five years, starting in July 2023. If passed, the majority of the proposed levy funding would go to police, fire, and emergency medical services. The remaining amount of the proposed levy would be used for parks maintenance services.

If passed, what would proposed Measure 34-311 do?

Proposed Measure 34-311 would fund police, fire & rescue, and parks to continue providing programs and services, such as:

Police would maintain:

- Sworn officers on duty
- Community policing, crime prevention efforts, and community involvement programs
- School resource officers
- Child abuse/youth intervention
- Light rail patrols and traffic enforcement
- Code enforcement
- Criminal investigations
- Youth outreach and education
- Homelessness engagement and mental health response

Fire & Rescue would maintain:

- Emergency response times to medical and fire calls
- Programs designed to reach children, elderly, and other at-risk populations
- Community disaster preparedness and prevention programs
- Search and rescue capabilities for industrial and transportation accidents
- Fire apparatus staffing

Parks would maintain:

- Park maintenance and landscaping
- Wetland and natural area maintenance
- Upkeep of sport fields, playground equipment, picnic shelters, and restrooms

What would the proposed measure cost?

If passed, the levy would continue the current rate of \$1.72 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The cost per household for a home with a taxable assessed value of \$300,000 (different than market value), would be, on average, about \$516 each year for the five years of the levy.

What if the proposed measure does not pass?

The current local option tax of \$1.72 approved by the voters would end June 30, 2023. Public safety and parks maintenance would continue to remain a priority; however, the City would likely need to decrease service levels in police, fire & rescue, and parks maintenance, in addition to other service areas.

Election Information

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