

VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

To be eligible to vote in the June 6, 2006, election, a completed voter registration card must be on file with the Yamhill County Clerk by not later than 5:00 p.m., May 16, 2006.

YOU MAY REGISTER TO VOTE IF:

- You are a citizen of the United States.
- You will be 18 years of age or older on election day.
- You are a resident of Oregon.

YOU MUST REREGISTER TO VOTE IF:

- Your residence or mailing address changes.
- Your name changes.
- You wish to change party affiliation.

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

When you get your ballot packet in the mail after May 19, 2006, immediately examine it to make certain it is complete. It should contain the following items:

- A printed ballot on which you may vote your choice;
 - A secrecy envelope with voting instructions printed on it;
 - A pre-addressed blue trimmed return envelope in which to return your ballot;
 - This Yamhill County Voters' Pamphlet.
- If any items are missing, contact the Yamhill County Clerk's Office, at 503-434-7518, and a replacement ballot packet will be sent to you.

VOTING YOUR BALLOT

To vote "YES" or "NO" on a measure, with a pencil simply complete the arrow next to the vote of your choice.

If you make an error on your ballot, spoil it in any way or lose it, you may obtain a replacement ballot by contacting the Yamhill County Clerk's Office at 503-434-7518.

RETURNING YOUR VOTED BALLOT

Follow the instructions on the secrecy envelope. Fold your ballot along the pre-scored fold and insert it into the secrecy envelope. SEAL the return envelope and SIGN the statement on the back of the envelope. Your ballot will not be counted if your envelope is not signed.

IMPORTANT: YOUR BALLOT WILL NOT BE COUNTED IF IT IS NOT RECEIVED IN TIME.

NOTICE

YOU MAY DELIVER YOUR VOTED BALLOT POSTAGE-FREE TO THE FOLLOWING OFFICIAL DROP SITES:

Amity City Library 307 S Trade St Hwy 99W Amity Open 24 Hours	Yamhill County Clerk's Office Courthouse, 535 NE 5th St. - Room 119 McMinnville
Courthouse- Jail Parking Lot McMinnville Open 24 Hours	

**Election Day, JUNE 6, 2006
DROP SITES WILL BE OPEN UNTIL
8:00 P.M.**

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BALLOTS MUST BE RETURNED TO AN OFFICIAL BALLOT DROP SITE OR TO THE YAMHILL COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE BY 8:00 P.M., JUNE 6, 2006



**COUNTY OF YAMHILL
VOTERS' PAMPHLET
JUNE 6, 2006
SPECIAL EMERGENCY ELECTION
CITY OF AMITY**

IMPORTANT NOTE: IF YOU HAVE MOVED OR YOUR NAME HAS CHANGED AND YOU HAVE NOT YET REREGISTERED, YOU MAY STILL BE ABLE TO DO SO. CONTACT THE YAMHILL COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE, 503-434-7518 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

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REFERRED BY THE
AMITY CITY COUNCIL
MEASURE 36-91

THREE-YEAR LOCAL OPTION TAX TO FUND LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

QUESTION: Shall the City of Amity impose \$1.51 per \$1000 of assessed value for three years beginning fiscal year 2006-2007 to fund police services? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

SUMMARY: This measure may be passed only at an election with at least 50 percent voter turnout. The purpose of this measure is to raise money to operate Amity's Police Department at current levels for three years. The measure asks that the voters approve a local option tax which would impose a tax of \$1.51 per \$1000 of assessed value for three years. It is estimated that this local option tax would raise approximately \$67,000 for the first year, \$69,000 for the second year, and \$71,080 for the third year.

NO ARGUMENTS WERE SUBMITTED IN SUPPORT
OR
IN OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT MEASURE 36-91

Amity's local police department has become the subject of budget cuts. For this reason, it is necessary to ask voters to approve a local option tax to raise money for police services. Without approval of this levy, Amity will lose one-third of its police department on July 1, 2006.

Amity's police department consists of three full-time officers. At this level it is able to provide daytime and nighttime coverage to the city seven days a week. We are able to respond to criminal complaints, provide traffic enforcement, enforce city ordinances and target drug houses.

The Police Department is supported by the City's general fund, which is also responsible for supporting several other departments including Library, Parks, Administrative Services, Planning, Building, and Court. The general fund's main sources of revenues include user fees, franchise fees, state revenue sharing, traffic fines, and property taxes.

In 2002-2003, the City received a Federal Grant to fund a school resource officer for three years. In order to receive the grant, the City had to commit to covering and maintaining the position for a fourth year. In 2003-2004, the City received a second Federal Grant to fill and fund a new police officer's position. Again, the grant was for three years with the City funding it solely the fourth year. We are currently operating on the fourth year of the second grant. Our current revenue from the General Fund cannot sustain the three police officers as it operates today, and therefore, must find additional resources to prevent the elimination of services.

Without this levy, the Amity Police Department will be reduced to two full-time officers. Our hours and days of coverage will be reduced by one-third. Our ability to respond to crimes in progress, enforce traffic laws and city ordinances and target drug activity will be reduced as well. Citizens would notice an increase in crime, drug activity and vandalism, and a decrease in police response. During non-

coverage times the City will need to rely on the response of the Yamhill County Sheriff's Office, if a deputy is available.

If the voters approve the local option levy, the City will use the taxes to maintain the current level of protection for three years. At the end of the three year levy, we expect sufficient growth in the city to provide enough additional revenue that will allow us to maintain the position without the levy.

The total cost of funding one full-time officer includes wages, taxes, benefits, worker's compensation insurance, training, organizational dues, uniform and equipment maintenance, vehicle gas and maintenance, ammunition and other miscellaneous costs totaling approximately \$70,014 per year.

The total amount of the levy is \$1.51 per \$1000 of assessed value each year for three years beginning fiscal year 2006-2007. A house with assessed value of \$100,000 would yield an increase in property taxes of \$151. The levy would bring in an estimated \$67,000 of additional tax revenue in the first year.

*This information submitted by Jennifer Elkins,
City Recorder, City of Amity
(Printed exactly as submitted.)*

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VOTE TODAY!