

2026 v1

CAPTION :

Renewal of 5-year local option tax for library operations

QUESTION (20 words):

Shall Baker County Library District impose \$0.249 per \$1,000 of assessed value for general operations for five years beginning 2027-28? This measure renews current local option taxes.

SUMMARY (175 words):

This measure will not increase current tax rates. It continues an existing local option tax that, without renewal, will expire after the 2026-27 tax year. If renewed, the tax revenue will sustain funding for maintenance of Baker County library facilities and general operations for five years. This replacement levy would run from the 2027-28 tax year through the 2031-32 tax year. Without this levy revenue providing 1/3 of the library budget, the district will experience severe cuts to its operations, services, and workforce, including reductions to: building repair and capital maintenance projects such as strategic replacement for aging mechanical, structural, architectural, and safety and security components; open hours; reading and learning programs for children such as story times, summer reading, and STEM programs; student support services; collection of new books, audiobooks, movies, and digital resources; and upkeep of public computers, printers, and cybersecurity. The proposed rate will raise approximately **\$506,469 in 2027-28, \$521,663 in 2028-29, \$537,313 in 2029-30, \$553,432 in 2030-31, and \$570,035 in 2031-32 for a total of \$2,688,912.** (169 words)

*Note: Ballot language reviewed by OR Dept of Revenue representative. Estimate amounts reviewed by Baker Co Assessor.

2026 v2 with markup of changes

CAPTION :

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Shall Baker County Library District ~~impose-renew its~~ \$0.249 per \$1,000 of assessed value for general operations for five years beginning 2027-28? ~~This measure renews current local option taxes.~~

SUMMARY (175 words):

This measure ~~will~~does not increase current tax rates. It ~~continues-would renew an-existing-local-option tax that, without renewal, will~~ the Baker County Library District's existing local option levy, which will ~~otherwise~~ expire after the 2026-27 tax year. If ~~renewed~~approved, the ~~tax-revenue-renewed levy will sustain funding for maintenance of Baker County-would support library operations and facilities facility maintenance -and general operations~~ for five years, ~~from 2027-28 through 2031-32~~. ~~This replacement levy would run from the 2027-28 tax year through the 2031-32 tax year.~~

Without ~~this levy revenue providing 1/3 of the library budget~~renewal, the ~~d~~istrict ~~will experience severe cuts to its~~would need to make substantial reductions to services, operations, ~~services,~~ and ~~workforce~~staffing, including reductions to: building repair and capital maintenance projects such as strategic replacement for aging mechanical, structural, architectural, and safety and security components; open hours; reading and learning programs for children such as story times, summer reading, and STEM programs; student support services; collection of new books, audiobooks, movies, and digital resources; and upkeep of public computers, printers, and cybersecurity. Potential impacts include decreased open hours; fewer reading and learning programs for children and families, including

story times, summer reading, and STEM activities; reduced student support services; smaller collections of books, audiobooks, movies, and digital resources; and limited upkeep or replacement of public computers, printers, and cybersecurity systems. Funding for building repairs and capital maintenance—such as replacement of aging mechanical, structural, architectural, and safety components—would also be significantly reduced.

The ~~proposed levy~~ rate of \$0.249 per \$1,000 of assessed value ~~willis expected to~~ raise approximately \$506,469 in 2027-28, \$521,663 in 2028-29, \$537,313 in 2029-30, \$553,432 in 2030-31, and \$570,035 in 2031-32, ~~for a totaling of \$2,688,912.~~ (169 words)

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2026 v2 clean version

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Renewal of 5-year local option tax for library operations

QUESTION (20 words):

Shall Baker County Library District renew its \$0.249 per \$1,000 of assessed value for general operations for five years beginning 2027-28?

SUMMARY (175 words):

This measure does not increase current tax rates. It would renew the Baker County Library District's existing local option levy, which will otherwise expire after the 2026-27 tax year. If approved, the renewed levy would support library operations and facility maintenance for five years, from 2027-28 through 2031-32.

Without renewal, the District would need to make substantial reductions to services, operations, and staffing. Potential impacts include decreased open hours; fewer reading and learning programs for children and families, including story times, summer reading, and STEM activities; reduced student support services; smaller collections of books, audiobooks, movies, and digital resources; and limited upkeep or replacement of public computers, printers, and cybersecurity systems. Funding for building repairs and capital maintenance—such as replacement of aging mechanical, structural, architectural, and safety components—would also be significantly reduced.

The levy rate of \$0.249 per \$1,000 of assessed value is expected to raise approximately \$506,469 in 2027-28, \$521,663 in 2028-29, \$537,313 in 2029-30, \$553,432 in 2030-31, and \$570,035 in 2031-32, totaling \$2,688,912. (169 words)

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2021

CAPTION :

Renewal of 5-year local option tax for library operations

QUESTION (20 words):

Shall Baker County Library District impose \$0.249 per \$1,000 of assessed value for general operations for five years beginning 2022-23? This measure renews current local option taxes.

SUMMARY (175 words):

This measure will not increase current tax rates. It continues an existing local option tax that, without renewal, will expire after the 2021-22 tax year. If renewed, the tax revenue will sustain funding for maintenance of Baker County library facilities and general operations for five years. This replacement levy would run from the 2022-23 tax year through the 2026-27 tax year. Without this levy revenue providing 1/3 of the library budget, the district will experience severe cuts to its operations, services, and workforce, including reductions to: building repair and capital maintenance projects such as strategic replacement for aging mechanical, structural, architectural, and safety and security components; open hours; reading and learning programs for children such as story times, summer reading, and STEM programs; student support services; collection of new books, audiobooks, movies, and digital resources; and upkeep of public computers, printers, and cybersecurity. The proposed rate will raise approximately \$413,087 in 2022-23, \$421,349 in 2023-24, \$429,776 in 2024-25, \$438,372 in 2025-26, and \$447,139 in 2026-27 for a total of \$2,149,724. (169 words)

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PASSED 69.8%

2016

QUESTION:

Shall Baker County Library District impose \$0,249 per \$1,000 of assessed value for general operations for five years beginning 2017-18? This measure renews current local option taxes. ORS 280.075(4)(b)

SUMMARY:

This measure will not increase current tax rates. It continues a current local option tax that, without renewal, will expire in June 2017. If renewed, the tax revenue will maintain funding for general operations of Baker County libraries for five years. This replacement levy would run from July 2017 through June 2022. Without this supplemental revenue providing 1/3 of library support, the district will experience severe reductions in workforce, services and operations including: hours open to public; keeping collections current and facilities in good repair; maintenance of computer and network infrastructure resources; and providing programs for children's reading and learning such as early literacy events, online research, homework and tutoring services. The proposed rate will raise approximately \$277,937 in 2017-18, \$282,666 in 2018-19, \$287,466 in 2019-20, \$292,336 in 2020-21, and \$297,277 in 2021-22 for a total of \$1,437,682.

PASSED 83.1%

2011

QUESTION:

Shall Baker County Library District impose \$.249 per \$1,000 of assessed value for general operations for five years beginning 2012-13? This measure renews current local option taxes. ORS 280.075(4)(b)

SUMMARY:

This measure will not increase current tax rates. It continues a current local option tax that, without renewal, will expire in 2012. If renewed, the tax revenue will be used to continue general operations of six libraries and bookmobile in Baker County at current levels of service for five years. Without this additional revenue providing 1/3 of library support, the district will experience severe reductions in workforce and services, including hours open to public, early literacy service to children in daycares, books and media purchases, online database subscriptions, bookmobile runs, and computer technology upgrades. The proposed rate will raise approximately \$262,970 in 2012-13, \$268,886 in 2013-14, \$274,936 in 2014-15, \$281,122 in 2015-16, and \$287,447 in 2016-17. Total revenue provided over five years amounts to approximately \$1,375,362. 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. ORS 280.075(6)

PASSED 65.2%