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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR TILLAMOOK COUNTY, OREGON

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In the Matter of Calling a Measure Election to Submit to the Electors of the County the Question of Increasing the Transient Lodging Tax from 10% to 14% ORDER #25-<u>013</u>

This matter came before the Tillamook County Board of Commissioners on February 19, 2025 at the request of Rachel Hagerty, Chief Administrative Officer. The Board of Commissioners, being fully apprised, finds as follows:

1. The Board of Commissioners determines that it will benefit the County to increase the transient lodging tax to support County services and tourism promotion and tourism-related facilities, as more fully described in the ballot title attached hereto as Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 2. The County hereby refers to the voters of Tillamook County at the May 20, 2025 election a measure increasing the transient lodging tax from 10% to 14%.
- 3. The County hereby approves the ballot title for this measure substantially in the form attached as Exhibit A with such changes as may be approved by County Counsel.
- 4. Pursuant to ORS 250.175(5) and 250.185, the County Clerk shall publish in the next available edition of the Headlight Herald, a newspaper of general circulation in the County, a notice of receipt of ballot title including notice that an elector may file a petition for review of the ballot title pursuant to ORS 250.195.
- 5. The County authorizes the County Counsel to submit the final ballot title and to take such further action as is necessary to carry out the intent and purposes of this Order in compliance with the applicable provisions of law.
- 6. The County Counsel shall file with the County Clerk the ballot title so that this measure may appear on the ballot for the May 20, 2025 election.
- 7. This Order shall be effective upon its approval and adoption.
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Adopted this 19th day of February, 2025.

DATED THIS 19th day of February, 2025.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR TILLAMOOK COUNTY, OREGON

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Mary Faith Bell, Commissioner

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

William K Sargent, County Counsel



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EXHIBIT A

BALLOT TITLE

CAPTION

Measure to increase transient lodging tax from 10% to 14%.

QUESTION

Shall Tillamook County be authorized to incrementally increase the current 10% transient lodging tax to 14% throughout Tillamook County?

SUMMARY

This measure would amend Tillamook County Ordinance #74 which currently imposes a 10% tax on lodging guests at transient lodging facilities for stays less than 30 days. The amendment will increase the tax to 12%, effective September 1, 2025, and to 14%, effective July 1, 2026. In cities that already have such a tax, the percentage of the county tax collected from the guest would be offset by the percentage of city tax paid by the guest up to 13%. By state law, 70% of county lodging tax collections are dedicated for tourism promotion and tourism-related facilities. Per current Ordinance #74, the 30% balance is dedicated to county road maintenance. The amendment will require the balance of the 2% to 4% to be dedicated to the Tillamook County Sheriff's Office for public safety services, Communications Department for the emergency communications system maintenance, and Emergency Management Department for emergency management services. This measure is expected to raise an estimated \$760,000 for those county departments and \$1,770,000 for tourism promotion and tourism-related facilities.