



**Lincoln County  
Voters' Pamphlet  
Special Election  
November 7, 2023**

This Voters' Pamphlet is provided to give you, the voter, additional information on candidates and measures. You will not vote on every office in this pamphlet. Your ballot will contain only those issues for which you are eligible to vote - based on where you live. Each candidate had the opportunity to submit a picture and statement regarding his/her candidacy. If you have any questions, please call our office at (541) 265-4131. Also visit our website: [www.co.lincoln.or.us/208/elections](http://www.co.lincoln.or.us/208/elections)  
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**Amy A Southwell, Lincoln County Clerk**

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## **Ballot Drop Site Locations**

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You may mail in your ballot or deposit it at any of the drop sites listed below:

### **LINCOLN COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

225 W Olive, Room 201; Newport  
INSIDE BOX: 8am to 5pm M-F  
(September 30th through November 6th)  
November 7th ONLY (Election Day) 7am-8pm  
OUTSIDE BOX: Drive-up ballot box in rear parking lot—open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until 8pm on November 7th (beginning September 30th)

### **LINCOLN CITY CITY HALL**

801 SW Hwy 101; Lincoln City  
OUTSIDE BOX: Drive-up ballot box in lower parking lot—open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until 8pm on November 7th (beginning September 30th)

### **DEPOE BAY CITY HALL**

570 SE Shell; Depoe Bay  
OUTSIDE BOX: Drive-up ballot box in City Hall parking lot—open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until 8pm on November 7th (beginning September 30th)

### **NEWPORT CITY HALL**

169 SW Coast Hwy; Newport  
OUTSIDE BOX: Use Drive-up ballot box - turn just north of the bus stop in front of Newport City Hall—open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until 8pm on November 7th (beginning September 30th)

### **TOLEDO POLICE STATION**

250 W Hwy 20; Toledo  
OUTSIDE BOX: Drive-up ballot box in Toledo Police Station Parking lot – open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until 8pm on November 7th (beginning September 30th)

### **SILETZ CITY HALL**

215 W Buford; Siletz  
OUTSIDE BOX: Drive-up ballot box in City Hall parking lot—open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until 8pm on November 7th (beginning September 30th)

### **WALDPORT CITY HALL (new location)**

355 Alder Street; Waldport  
OUTSIDE BOX: Drive-up ballot box in City Hall drive-through lane – open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until 8pm on November 7th (beginning September 30th)

### **YACHATS CITY HALL**

276 W 6th Street; Yachats  
OUTSIDE BOX: Drive-up ballot box in City Hall drive-through lane—open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until 8pm on November 7th (beginning September 30th)

### **EDDYVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

INSIDE BOX:  
6890 Crystal Creek Loop, Eddyville  
November 7th ONLY (Election Day) 10am-8pm

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Official Ballot Drop Site by 8 PM on Election Day (Drop Sites listed above)  
or

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**Election Day is November 7th, 2023.**

# Measure 21-220 Lincoln County

## Ballot Title

# 21-220

**Increases Lincoln County transient lodging tax from 10% to 12%**

**QUESTION:** Shall County lodging tax be increased 2%, with revenues for Lincoln County Parks improvements and operations?

**SUMMARY:** Since 2016, Lincoln County has levied a voter approved 10% tax on transient lodging. It is paid by tourists, business travelers and other visitors. Currently, a portion of the tax revenues are dedicated to tourism promotion, economic development, support for the Oregon Coast Aquarium and a Fairgrounds Facilities Improvement Fund. This measure would enact Ordinance # 531 to increase the transient room tax by 2%, from 10% to 12%. It is estimated the increase would raise \$568,000 annually. The additional revenue would be available for improvements and operations to parks managed by Lincoln County. A "Yes" vote enacts Ordinance # 531 and increases the County transient lodging tax to 12%. A "No" vote keeps it at 10%.

## Explanatory Statement

**Lincoln County collects a voter approved transient lodging tax of 10%. It is paid by tourists, business travelers and other visitors. It was last changed in 2016.**

This measure would enact Ordinance # 531 to increase the County transient room tax an additional 2%, from 10% to 12%, effective January 1, 2024. The new tax revenue would be dedicated to increase support for improvements to parks managed by Lincoln County, and also be available for operations.

It is estimated that this tax increase would generate approximately \$568,000 in revenue per year.

A "Yes" vote enacts Ordinance # 531 and increases the County transient lodging tax to 12%. A "No" vote keeps it at 10%.

### What would passing Measure 21-220 do?

- **Increase access to local rivers, forests and natural areas**
- **Improve visitor services, accessibility and operations at Lincoln County parks, including maintaining and improving restrooms, picnic areas, trails, play areas and other visitor facilities**

- **Ensure park visitors have opportunities to access the benefits of nature, including improved health and well being**

*(This information submitted by Kristin H. Yuille, County Counsel, Lincoln County Board of Commissioners.)*

## Argument in Favor

View the Future, Inc., a non-profit land trust and environmental organization located in Yachats, Oregon, supports the Lincoln County Commissioner's proposed two-percent increase in County transient lodging tax for the purposes of improving Lincoln County parks.

As our central coast region continues to attract new residents, businesses, and visitors, County elected officials must have the financial resources to complement modest growth through the provision of publicly-accessible open space areas and recreational programs, as well as provide for the lasting stewardship of such areas. Through favorable passage of Measure 21-220, added revenue can be directed to increase access by County residents and visitors to valuable recreation and open space lands leading to outstanding natural experiences that bolster community health and wellness.

The southern Yachats region is blessed with extensive, publicly accessible recreational and open space lands primarily in federal and state ownership. Nevertheless, recreation is largely limited to passive activities such as hiking and observing coastal and marine wildlife and scenic vistas, and land stewardship is limited by budget availability and competing national and state priorities. Increasing our County's ability to more broadly serve a wider range of recreation and open space needs is a prudent and pro-active action.

John Theilacker and Joanne Kittel

Board Co-Chairs

View the Future, Inc.

*(This information furnished by John Theilacker and Joanne Kittel, View the Future, Inc.)*

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## Translation Information

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# Measure 21-219 Yachats Rural Fire Protection District

## Ballot Title

# 21-219

## Renewal of Fire, Rescue and EMS Services Local Option Tax

**QUESTION:** Shall YRFPD renew its five-year LOT of \$.61 per \$1,000 assessed value for fire, rescue, emergency medical operations beginning 2024-2025?

This measure renews current local option taxes.

**SUMMARY:** Approval of this measure would renew the current five year local option tax set to expire in tax year 2023-2024, at the same rate now in effect, for an additional five years.

This renewed tax revenue will continue to provide:

- Emergency service operations to meet continued community growth needs and volume of calls.
- Six full-time career firefighter salaries.
- Testing, maintaining and repairing fire and rescue vehicles and personal protective equipment.
- Maintaining and repairing YRFPD facilities.
- Expanding volunteer recruitment programs.

Failure to pass this LOT will necessitate cutting back services and reducing the number of Firefighter/Paramedics. This would result in an inability to respond timely to some emergency calls. Reduced YRFPD service capability could cause home insurance rates to increase.

It is estimated that this measure would generate approximately \$405,211 in 2024-2025, \$419,393 in 2025-2026, \$434,072 in 2026-2027, \$449,264 in 2027-2028, and \$464,989 in 2028-2029 in revenue to YRFPD.

income received is from property taxes. The remaining 5% is received from general donations, "in memory of" donations, grants and conflagration payments.

YRFPD now asks voters to renew the expiring \$.61/\$1,000 LOT.

YRFPD will use the resulting tax revenues to:

- Maintain the current staffing of 6 career firefighters.

Salary costs consume 63% of YRFPD's budget.

- Continue Volunteer Programs

Volunteers continue to be essential to YRFPD's emergency response. In order to recruit, encourage participation and retain volunteers, existing incentive programs need to be funded.

- Purchase and maintain firefighter protective equipment.

Firefighter safety and protective equipment must be continually replaced and maintained for the health of firefighters and compliance with regulations.

- Fund YRFPD general operations.

This renewed levy would allow YRFPD to maintain and repair facilities and equipment and fund general operations: fire, rescue and emergency medical service response and ongoing training.

By statute, no bond money or bond interest can be used to support general operations.

Please vote.

*(This information submitted by Edward T. Hallahan, Secretary/Treasurer Yachats Rural Fire Protection District.)*

## Explanatory Statement

Yachats Rural Fire Protection District (YRFPD) provides fire, rescue and emergency medical services from just south of Yachats to the southern Waldport boundary and 10 miles up the Yachats River Valley.

YRFPD is grateful to the voters for the Local Option Tax (LOT) of \$1.59 passed in November of 2022. YRFPD will receive the first dollars from that increase in November 2023.

The LOT of \$.61 expires in June 2024. YRFPD is asking voters to RENEW this existing five-year \$.61 LOT at the same rate to:

- fund the current career Firefighters,
- continue YRFPD volunteer programs,
- purchase and maintain firefighter protective equipment and
- fund general YRFPD operations.

This LOT is not an increase of taxes and is approximately 25% of the total operational funding of YRFPD. Its renewal is critical to the continued functioning of Yachats Rural Fire Protection District. LOTs must be renewed every five years.

What is the impact if the levy fails?

If not renewed, YRFPD may lay off career firefighters, reduce volunteer programs and increase response times, leaving emergency response vehicles understaffed when responding on fire, medical emergencies, and rescue calls. This may cause forfeiture of YRFPD's county-assigned Ambulance Service Area. Facilities and safety equipment maintenance will need to be prioritized.

YRFPD is not part of, nor does it receive funding for operations from any city, county or state government. Over 95% of YRFPD's

# Measure 21-221

## City of Toledo

City of Lincoln City  
Council Member, Ward II,  
Unexpired Term Ending December 31, 2026

### Ballot Title

# 21-221

### Bonds for water reservoir and public safety facility improvements

**QUESTION:** Shall City of Toledo issue \$3,650,000 principal amount of general obligation bonds for water reservoir and public safety facility improvements? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**SUMMARY:** The City of Toledo seeks voter approval to issue general obligation bonds to finance capital costs of the City including:

- Replacing the Ammon Road Tank water reservoir and related improvements and equipment.
- Improving, constructing, and equipping the public safety building and related costs.

Bonds would mature in 21 years or less from the date of issuance and may be issued in one or more series. If approved, the average annual bond tax rate is estimated to be \$0.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value. Actual rates may vary based upon interest rates incurred and changes in assessed value.

### Explanatory Statement

The City of Toledo is proposing replacing the Ammon Road water tank, and contribute to improving, constructing, and equipping the Public Safety Facility, with the proceeds of general obligation bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$3,650,000, if approved by City of Toledo voters.

The City's Water Master Plan Update dated February 2017 notes that the Ammon Road Storage Tank coating is over 32 years old and past the expected coating life. The roof also needs repair and painting. The existing tank does not meet the current standards for seismic resiliency. Making the repairs and upgrades would cost more than replacement of the tank. A new tank would serve the water system for many years to come.

The current public safety building is in the tsunami zone and floodplain. The City is planning a larger facility for police and dispatch department operations at a higher elevation. The new location will offer security features as well as space for future expansion. If approved, the proposed bond will assist to fund public safety facility improvements at a new location to serve the community day to day in the event of an emergency. The City plans to also seek additional sources of funding for the public safety building.

The City's current general obligation bonds, originally issued in 2005 for the fire station, mature June 1, 2024.

The proposed general obligation bonds would be repaid by an annual property tax. If approved, the average annual bond tax rate is estimated to be \$0.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value. Actual rates may vary based upon final interest rates incurred and changes in assessed value. The bonds would be paid over a period of 21 years or less.

*(This information submitted by Mike Adams, City Attorney.)*



**Marci Baker**  
Nonpartisan

**Occupation:** Zest Garden Café, Owner/Operator, Opened December 2022

**Occupational Background:** Zest Creperie & Boutique, Owner/Operator, January 2020 - October 2022; Marci's Bar & Bistro, Owner/Operator, November 2017 - October 2022

**Educational Background:** University of Oregon, BS in Anthropology 2011; Taft High School, Honors Diploma, Class of 2007

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Lincoln City Planning Commission, Sept 2019 - Present

I would be honored to serve the community in this elected position and shift to a volunteer role that enables me to engage with the community, share information, seek critical feedback, and ultimately ensure our local wisdom is represented at the table. I believe community connectedness is the foundation through which all other issues may be better addressed.

My love of people and fascination with culture are what led me to major in Anthropology, and ultimately choose a career in hospitality. As a business owner, my first priority has always been creating a culture people want to be a part of. I believe my hospitality oriented business experience brings a unique perspective to the table. During times of crisis, compassion and optimism are the driving forces behind my actions.

I believe in taking time to understand the existing plans and systems before suggesting changes, though I would prioritize creation of a strategic housing plan along with housing programs that enable access to equity for locals, assessing, and preserving our environmental resources, and exploring options to increase two-way communication and feedback mechanisms between the city and citizens.

*(This information furnished by Marci Baker.)*

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.