

City of Lebanon
Notice of Receipt of Ballot Title
For the November 8, 2016 Election

Notice is hereby given that a ballot title for a City-referred measure has been filed with the Elections Office of the City of Lebanon on July 14, 2016. The measure is intended for the November 8, 2016 General Election.

Pursuant to ORS 250.296, an elector may file a petition for review of this ballot title in the Linn County Circuit Court no later than the seventh business day after the title is filed with the City Elections Office. The elector filing the petition shall notify the City Elections Official in writing that the petition was filed and the notice shall be given not later than 5:00 p.m. on the next business day following the day the petition is filed.

The ballot title is as follows:

BALLOT TITLE CAPTION

Imposes city tax on marijuana retailer's sale of marijuana items

QUESTION

Shall Lebanon, Oregon impose a three percent tax on the sale in the City of Lebanon of marijuana items by a marijuana retailer?

SUMMARY

Under state law, a city council may adopt an ordinance to be referred to the voters of the city imposing up to a three percent tax or fee on the sale of marijuana items in the city by a licensed marijuana retailer. Approval of this measure would impose a three percent tax on the sale of marijuana items in the City of Lebanon by a licensed marijuana retailer. The tax would be collected at the point of sale and remitted by the marijuana retailer.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Approval of this measure would impose a three percent tax on the sale of marijuana items by a marijuana retailer within the City of Lebanon. The amount of potential revenue from this tax is not known nor subject to reasonable estimates. There are no restrictions on how the City may use the revenues generated by this tax. Under Measure 91, adopted by Oregon voters in November 2014 and amended by the Legislature in 2015, the Oregon Liquor Control Commission must license the retail sale of recreational marijuana. The 2015 Legislation provides that a city council may adopt an ordinance imposing up to a three percent tax on the sale of marijuana items (which include marijuana concentrates, extracts, edibles, and other products intended for human consumption and use) by retail licensees in the city, but the council must refer that ordinance to the voters at a statewide general election. The City of Lebanon City Council has adopted an ordinance imposing a three percent tax on the sale of marijuana items by a retail licensee in the City, and, as a result, has referred this measure to the voters.