

Notice of Receipt of Ballot Title

CAPTION

Depletion Fee Increase for Roads, Bridges and Columbia County Rider

QUESTION

Shall the County Natural Resources Depletion Fee be increased by thirty-five cents for roads, bridges and Columbia County Rider?

STATEMENT

Columbia County Ordinance No. 90-20 sets the Natural Resources Depletion Fee at fifteen cents (\$.15) per ton. The fee primarily provides revenue for county roads. This initiative would increase the depletion fee by thirty-five cents (\$.35) per ton for a total of fifty cents (\$.50) per ton.

The increase is intended to cover the costs to the infrastructure of Columbia County that result from mining activities.

The additional fees would be used as follows:

- 1) Ten cents (\$.10) for road improvements and maintenance of existing roads and bridges; and
- 2) Twenty-five cents (\$.25) for Columbia County Rider Transportation.

The initiative requires that none of the proposed increased funds could be used for other county general fund purposes.

Other provisions of the initiative include:

- 1) Changes to the ordinance must be by a majority vote of electors at a county-wide election;
and
- 2) Any public official who fails to implement any part of the ordinance could be sued in Circuit Court and be charged with a class B infraction.

In accordance with ORS 255.140 (2), the proposed initiative meets the requirements of Section 1 (2)(d), Article IV of the Oregon Constitution.

Also, in accordance with ORS 255.145 (5), notice is hereby given that an elector may file a petition for review of the ballot title in the Columbia County Circuit Court no later than 5:00 pm on October 3, 2014, which is the date of the 7th business day after receipt of the ballot title. (ORS 255.155).

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