

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR COUNTY VOTERS' PAMPHLET

Ballot Title Caption: Imposes city tax on marijuana retailer's sale of marijuana items

Measure Number: _____ Word Total (500 Maximum): 234

Under measure 91, adopted by the 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 St. Helens City Council has adopted an ordinance imposing a tax of the full amount allowed under state law, which is currently three percent (3%), on the sale of marijuana items by a marijuana retailer in the city, and, as a result, has referred this measure to the voters.

If this measure is adopted, it would approve St. Helens Ordinance No. 3207 imposing a tax of three percent (3%), or the maximum amount allowed by state law, whichever is greater, on the sale of marijuana items in the city by a licensed marijuana retailer. The tax would be collected at the point of sale and remitted by the marijuana retailer. The measure also includes provisions regarding collection, administration and enforcement of the tax. There are no restrictions on how the city may use the revenues generated by this tax.

Person responsible for the content of the Explanatory Statement:

(TYPED) Shelby Rihala, City Attorney

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City of St. Helens

Name of the Governing Body person represents

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