

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO: 15-02-10-07

IN THE MATTER OF REFERRING A
VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE TO THE
VOTERS OF LANE COUNTY FOR
MAINTENANCE AND PRESERVATION OF
SAFE ROADS AND BRIDGES, DIRECTING
THE PUBLICATION OF A VOTERS'
PAMPHLET AND APPROVING BALLOT
LANGUAGE FOR THE MAY 19, 2015
ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners on February 10, 2015 referred to the Lane County voters a County vehicle registration fee to maintain safe roads and bridges by adoption of Ordinance 15-01; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desire that the County publish a Voters' Pamphlet to allow for education and community debate of the proposed fee, and any other eligible election issues and candidates.

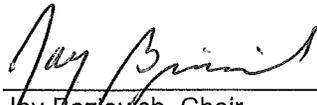
NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Lane County **ORDERS** as follows:

1. That the County Administrator is authorized to initiate and cause to be published and distributed a Lane County Voters' Pamphlet for the May 19, 2015 election as provided in Lane Code 2.630.
2. Consistent with Lane Code 2.630, the Board appoints the following five individuals to draft an impartial, simple and understandable explanatory statement to be published in the Lane County Voters' Pamphlet: Nancy Nichols, Jim Torrey, Craig Opperman, Jeanne Staton, and Webb Sussman. In the event the named individuals are unable to participate, the Administrator is authorized to appoint other individuals consistent with Lane Code 2.630.
3. That arguments for and against the proposed vehicle fee measure must be filed with the County Clerk by noon on March 23, 2015 in order to be published in the Lane County Voters' Pamphlet.
4. According to Ordinance 15-01, the County Administrator is directed to forward the proposed ballot language, attached as Exhibit A, to the County Clerk for review and placement on the May 2015 election ballot.

ADOPTED this 10th day of February, 2015.

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Date 2-5-15

LANE COUNTY OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL



Jay Bozleych, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners

Ballot Title:

To ensure road safety by modestly increasing vehicle registration fee (10 words)

Question:

Shall streets, roads and bridges be kept safe and well maintained through a \$35/year increase in the vehicle registration fee? (20 words)

SUMMARY

Passage of this measure will allow Lane County and cities to preserve and maintain safe travel on roads and bridges. The funds will be shared between County (60%) and cities (40%), enabling the 12 cities throughout the County to properly maintain their streets and sidewalks. The modest increase in the annual passenger vehicle registration fee, not to exceed \$35/year will be used to:

Enhance safety by providing emergency road and bridge repairs, winter sanding and plowing, roadside mowing, ditch and culvert maintenance.

Avoid future costly road, street and bridge repairs by filling potholes, crack sealing, chipseals, and overlays.

The absence of regular maintenance causes roads to deteriorate requiring more costly road reconstruction.

The measure will generate approximately \$11 million annually, used only for road purposes, consistent with Article IX, Section 3a, of the Oregon Constitution.

The annual fee will be \$35 for passenger vehicles, light trailers and trucks less than 26,001 pounds, \$20 for motorcycles, and \$10 for permanently registered trailers.

To assure accountability, public oversight and annual audits will be required.
(172 words)