

NOTICE OF ELECTION & RECEIPT OF BALLOT TITLE
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Notice is hereby given that a ballot title for a measure referred by the Tillamook County Board of Commissioners has been filed with the County Clerk of Tillamook County, Oregon on February 16, 2012. The May 15, 2012 Primary Election will be conducted by mail pursuant to ORS 254.465. An elector may file a petition for review of this ballot title in Tillamook County Circuit Court no later than 5:00 p.m. February 28, 2012 pursuant to ORS 255.155.

CAPTION: 29-125 RENEWAL OF FIVE YEAR VETERAN'S SERVICES OPERATING LOCAL OPTION TAX

QUESTION: Shall Tillamook County levy a five-year tax of \$.03 per \$1000 assessed value for County Veteran's Office beginning 07-01-12? This measure renews current local option taxes.

SUMMARY: The Veteran's Office assists over 4,300 local veterans, whose military service spans from WWII to current conflicts. This assistance has returned to our local veterans and their widows more than eleven million dollars annually in federal benefits. The Veteran's office helps veterans with initial paperwork for disability claims and other benefits, processes appeals, and transports veterans for medical appointments. Due to the instability of the county budget over the years, funding for the Veteran's programs has been varied. With a five-year serial levy, funding can be provided.

It is estimated that the \$.03 per \$1000 assessed value will raise \$118,611 in 2012-13, \$122,169 in 2013-14, \$125,834 in 2014-15, \$129,609 in 2015-16 and \$133,498 in 2016-17. The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of estimate. The cost of the serial levy for a person owning a home valued at \$200,000 would be \$6.00 annually. The serial levy would provide the Veteran's Affairs Office the funding for a full-time director, office specialist, and transportation coordinator for the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) van, plus office space, utilities, and operating supplies. The budget estimates are estimates and would have to go through the annual county budget process. Consequently, it may not be necessary to levy the full amount in those years.

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