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## **Jail & Police Services Levy Focus of Forum**

The Springfield Public Library is hosting an informational forum for community members interested in learning more about Ballot Measure 20-273, a proposed five-year levy for Springfield Municipal Jail operations and police services.

Springfield Police Chief Rick Lewis will provide information about the measure and be available to answer questions from the community.

**What:** Springfield Municipal Jail Operations & Police Services Levy Informational Forum

**When:** 6 p.m., Tuesday, October 24

**Where:** Library Meeting Room, Springfield City Hall, 225 Fifth Street, Springfield OR

**Additional Information:** Associate Library Manager Carrie Schindele-Cupples, 541.726.2237 or [scupples@springfield-or.gov](mailto:scupples@springfield-or.gov) ; Springfield Police PIO Lt. Scott McKee, 541.726.3691 or 541.228.5775

### **Background**

The City of Springfield has proposed measure 20-173 to maintain operations of the Springfield Municipal Jail and enhanced police service levels for an additional five years. Springfield voters first passed a police services levy in 2002 and renewed it in 2006 and again in 2012. The current levy expires in June 2018. Measure 20-273 proposes a levy of \$1.40 per \$1,000 assessed value for five years beginning in July 2018.

If passed, funding from the levy would only be used for jail, police, and municipal court services. It would fund the 100-bed municipal jail operations, which houses men and women who have been charged or convicted of a crime. It would also fund about 40 positions that include police officers, detention officers, community service officers, dispatchers, call takers, and court operations.

Passage of the levy would also allow the Springfield Police Department to continue to provide faster response times for both emergency and non-emergency calls for service, increase the number and types of calls officers respond to, and increase the number of patrol officers on duty each shift.

Additional information about the proposed levy is available at <http://bit.ly/SPDLevy>

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