



**CITY OF MILWAUKIE**

*"Dogwood City of the West"*

**Resolution No. 97-2016**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKIE, OREGON,  
SUPPORTING THE CLACKAMAS COUNTY MOTOR FUEL TAX.**

**WHEREAS**, Clackamas County held a summit on June 9, 2016 seeking feedback from the cities about means to address county road maintenance funding needs that could also support city transportation funding needs; and

**WHEREAS**, feedback from the cities at the summit on June 9 included support for a "gas" tax contingent upon the County's commitment to split the revenues with the cities (60% to the County and 40% to the cities) and contingent upon the cities signing a resolution in support of the ballot measure; and

**WHEREAS**, the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners (CCBC) agreed to pursue a \$0.06 cent per gallon fuel tax and confirmed the intent for cities to sign an Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) to memorialize the 60/40 percentage split should the measure succeed; and

**Now, Therefore, be it Resolved** that the City of Milwaukie City Council supports the motor vehicle fuel tax measure proposed by Clackamas County together with the following:

Section 1 The City of Milwaukie City Council supports the proposed Clackamas County ballot measure, substantially in the form attached as Exhibit A, asking voter approval for a county-wide \$0.06 per gallon motor vehicle fuel tax for a period of 7 years and the distribution of 40% of the revenue to cities within Clackamas County to address their identified transportation needs.

Section 2 The City of Milwaukie City Council commits to use its share of received revenue to address transportation needs within the city.

Introduced and adopted by the City Council on 8/16/16.

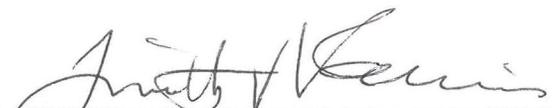
This resolution is effective upon adoption.

  
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Mark Gamba, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
Jordan Ramis PC

  
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Pat DuVal, City Recorder

  
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City Attorney

## **EXHIBIT A**

### BALLOT TITLE

#### **CAPTION (10 words):**

Temporary 6-Cent Per Gallon Vehicle Fuel Tax

#### **QUESTION (20 words):**

Shall Clackamas County adopt a seven-year, 6-cent-per-gallon motor vehicle fuel tax dedicated to road maintenance projects?

#### **BALLOT SUMMARY (175 words):**

The measure imposes a temporary 6-cent-per-gallon tax on motor vehicle fuel sales within Clackamas County. The tax revenues must be used as required by the Oregon Constitution for construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair, maintenance, operation and use of public roads and streets within the county. The tax is estimated to raise approximately \$9 million per year. The County will use 60 percent of the net revenue for specific County road paving and safety projects, and will distribute the remaining 40 percent of the net revenue to supporting cities in Clackamas County to use for their own transportation projects. To be eligible to receive fuel tax revenues, a city must have entered into an Inter- Governmental Agreement with the County prior to September 1, 2016. A list of county projects and their estimated costs can be found at <http://theroadahead.us/>.

The tax is implemented in March 2017 and will expire seven years after the implementation date. The County will adopt an ordinance for the administration of the motor vehicle fuel tax and establish and implement licensing requirements.

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Road funds primarily come from motor vehicle fuel taxes and vehicle registration fees. Oregon law prohibits using ad valorem (property) taxes for roads. The county uses road funds efficiently, but is unable to keep pace with maintenance needs. There is a \$17 million annual gap between funds needed to maintain roads and revenue.

Over 50% of Clackamas County's 1,400 road miles are in fair or poor condition. Every year, a larger percentage of county roads slip into disrepair, and the county doesn't have the necessary revenue to keep up. Waiting also comes at a price, as the cost to reconstruct a road in the future is more than 10 times greater than the cost of providing preventive maintenance today.

Ongoing preventive maintenance is critical to safe roads. Smooth roadways, clear lane markings, unobstructed sightlines, drainage and well-marked intersections help reduce crashes and keep travelers safe.

Oregon law allows the voters of a county to vote to impose a motor vehicle fuel tax. The measure would impose a 6-cent per gallon tax on motor vehicle fuel sold in Clackamas County. Annual revenues generated by the vehicle fuel tax are estimated to be \$9 million. The tax would be collected by the Oregon Department of Transportation. The County will distribute 40% of the tax net revenues collected to supporting cities in Clackamas County. The County and Cities will enter into an Inter-governmental Agreement to memorialize this arrangement. To be eligible to receive fuel tax revenues, each City must enter into the Inter-governmental Agreement before September 1, 2016. The tax must be used as required by the Oregon Constitution for construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair, maintenance, operation and use of public highways, roads, streets and roadside rest areas in the county. The tax would expire after seven years.

Explanatory Statement Furnished by Clackamas County Board of Commissioners

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Authorized Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2017