

Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_. I'm with Nelson Research, a public opinion research firm. We are conducting a brief survey today of registered voters in the City of Lebanon and would like to include your household's opinions about an upcoming local issue. May I please take a few minutes of your time? I promise I'm not selling anything.

First of all, are you registered to vote in the state of Oregon? **(INTERVIEWER: IF NO, POLITELY TERMINATE)**

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**GENERAL PERCEPTION SERIES**

1. Taking everything into consideration, how would you rate the operation and performance of the Lebanon City Police Department ~ EXCELLENT, PRETTY GOOD, ONLY FAIR, or POOR?

1. Excellent	<b>22.8</b>
2. Pretty Good	<b>44.9</b>
3. Only Fair	<b>16.7</b>
4. Poor	<b>4.3</b>
5. Unsure	<b>11.2</b>

2. How important is it to you to be able to re-open the Lebanon Municipal Jail Facility ~ VERY IMPORTANT, SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT, SOMEWHAT UNIMPORTANT, or VERY UNIMPORTANT?

1. Very Important	<b>29.3</b>
2. Somewhat Important	<b>34.4</b>
<b>(Total Important)</b>	<b>63.7</b>
3. Somewhat Unimportant	<b>7.2</b>
4. Very Unimportant	<b>13.0</b>
<b>(Total Unimportant)</b>	<b>20.2</b>
5. Unsure	<b>15.9</b>

## INITIAL BALLOT #1

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The City of Lebanon Municipal Jail was constructed in 2009 to provide local accountability for individuals committing misdemeanor crimes within the City. The facility was designed to house individuals arrested for city-level offenses such as disorderly conduct, criminal trespass, criminal mischief and reckless driving.

In 2023, the decision was made to suspend jail operations due to staffing shortages, liability concerns, and operational costs.

The City of Lebanon is considering a new jail operating levy - for 5 years - at a rate of 1-dollar per thousand dollars of assessed value. It would raise \$1.7 million per year to re-open and operate the jail for 5 years. For the average household in the City with an assessed home value of 385 thousand dollars, the levy would cost \$385 per year in property tax.

The jail levy would replace a current bond that expires at the end of the year. City taxpayers would see no increase in their overall property tax rate.

3. If an election were held today, would you vote YES to support or vote NO to oppose the Lebanon Municipal Jail operating levy at a rate of 1-dollar per thousand dollars of assessed value to re-open the Municipal Jail? (STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT)?

1. Strongly Yes		<b>23.6</b>
2. Somewhat Yes		<b>25.0</b>
<b>(Total Yes)</b>	<b>48.6</b>	
3. Strongly No		<b>27.5</b>
4. Somewhat No		<b>13.4</b>
<b>(Total No)</b>	<b>40.9</b>	
5. Unsure		<b>10.5</b>

## 'IF YOU KNEW' SERIES

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Now I am going to read you a variety of questions concerning the City of Lebanon's proposed jail operating levy. For each one, I will give you some information, and ask whether with that information, you would SUPPORT or OPPOSE the proposed jail operating levy to re-open the Lebanon Municipal Jail.

4. If you knew the City’s proposed jail operating levy would allow the City to hire 7 new Corrections Officers to re-open and staff the municipal jail for 5 years, would you SUPPORT or OPPOSE the proposed operating levy? **(STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT)**

1. Strongly Support		<b>25.4</b>
2. Somewhat Support		<b>29.0</b>
<b>(Total Support)</b>	<b>54.4</b>	
3. Strongly Oppose		<b>22.5</b>
4. Somewhat Oppose		<b>8.3</b>
<b>(Total Oppose)</b>	<b>30.8</b>	
6. Unsure		<b>14.9</b>

5. If you knew the proposed municipal jail operating levy would replace an expiring levy and that taxpayers would not see an increase in their property tax rates, would you SUPPORT or OPPOSE the jail operating levy? **(STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT)**

1. Strongly Support		<b>40.6</b>
2. Somewhat Support		<b>25.7</b>
<b>(Total Support)</b>	<b>66.3</b>	
3. Strongly Oppose		<b>18.1</b>
4. Somewhat Oppose		<b>4.3</b>
<b>(Total Oppose)</b>	<b>22.4</b>	
6. Unsure		<b>11.2</b>

6. If you knew that transporting an offender to Linn County Jail costs the City approximately \$100 per trip and removes an officer from patrol duty for up to two hours, would you SUPPORT or OPPOSE the proposed jail operating levy? **(STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT)**

1. Strongly Support		<b>31.2</b>
2. Somewhat Support		<b>26.4</b>
<b>(Total Support)</b>	<b>57.6</b>	
3. Strongly Oppose		<b>21.7</b>
4. Somewhat Oppose		<b>7.2</b>
<b>(Total Oppose)</b>	<b>28.9</b>	
6. Unsure		<b>13.4</b>

7. If you knew that due to the jail’s closure in 2023, offenders committing misdemeanor crimes locally are now arrested and released back into the community, would you SUPPORT or OPPOSE the City’s proposed municipal jail operating levy?  
**(STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT)**

1. Strongly Support		<b>34.1</b>
2. Somewhat Support		<b>24.6</b>
<b>(Total Support)</b>	<b>58.7</b>	
3. Strongly Oppose		<b>20.3</b>
4. Somewhat Oppose		<b>6.9</b>
5. <b>(Total Oppose)</b>	<b>27.2</b>	
6. Unsure		<b>14.1</b>

8. If you knew that re-opening the Lebanon Municipal Jail would reduce repeat offenses and increase community safety, would you SUPPORT or OPPOSE the proposed operating levy to re-open the jail? **(STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT)**

1. Strongly Support		<b>43.5</b>
2. Somewhat Support		<b>22.5</b>
<b>(Total Support)</b>	<b>66.0</b>	
3. Strongly Oppose		<b>16.7</b>
4. Somewhat Oppose		<b>5.4</b>
5. <b>(Total Oppose)</b>	<b>22.1</b>	
6. Unsure		<b>12.0</b>

9. If you knew the proposed jail operating levy would cost property taxpayers 1-dollar per thousand dollars of assessed value, or \$385 per year for the average household, would you SUPPORT or OPPOSE the City’s municipal jail operating levy?  
**(STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT)**

1. Strongly Support		<b>24.3</b>
2. Somewhat Support		<b>21.7</b>
<b>(Total Support)</b>	<b>46.0</b>	
3. Strongly Oppose		<b>29.0</b>
4. Somewhat Oppose		<b>9.8</b>
5. <b>(Total Oppose)</b>	<b>38.8</b>	
6. Unsure		<b>15.2</b>

## AGREE/DISAGREE SERIES

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Now I am going to read you several statements people have made about the proposed operating levy to re-open the Lebanon Municipal Jail. For each statement, please tell me if you agree or disagree with the statement.

10. If the City is asking local taxpayers for an operating measure to re-open the municipal jail without increasing property tax rates, I would support the measure.

**(STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT)**

1. Strongly Agree		<b>46.4</b>
2. Somewhat Agree		<b>24.3</b>
<b>(Total Agree)</b>	<b>70.7</b>	
3. Strongly Disagree		<b>10.9</b>
4. Somewhat Disagree		<b>3.3</b>
<b>(Total Disagree)</b>	<b>14.2</b>	
5. Unsure		<b>15.2</b>

11. In this current economy, I don't think it's a good idea to add a \$1.7 million operating levy for the Lebanon Municipal Jail for the next five years. I would vote no on the levy and let the current bond expire so residents can have a property tax cut.

**(STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT)**

1. Strongly Agree		<b>29.3</b>
2. Somewhat Agree		<b>20.3</b>
<b>(Total Agree)</b>	<b>49.6</b>	
3. Strongly Disagree		<b>17.4</b>
4. Somewhat Disagree		<b>12.7</b>
<b>(Total Disagree)</b>	<b>30.1</b>	
5. Unsure		<b>20.3</b>

12. Re-opening the municipal jail is important for community safety and preventing the catch and release of local offenders back into our community. I support the levy to re-open the jail. **(STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT)**

1. Strongly Agree		<b>34.1</b>
2. Somewhat Agree		<b>22.1</b>
<b>(Total Agree)</b>	<b>56.2</b>	
3. Strongly Disagree		<b>18.8</b>
4. Somewhat Disagree		<b>8.3</b>
<b>(Total Disagree)</b>	<b>27.1</b>	
5. Unsure		<b>16.7</b>

13. I don't believe that a \$1.7 million levy to re-open the Lebanon Municipal Jail is a priority at this time. I would vote no on the \$1.7 million operating levy. **(STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT)**

1. Strongly Agree		<b>25.4</b>
2. Somewhat Agree		<b>15.6</b>
<b>(Total Agree)</b>	<b>41.0</b>	
3. Strongly Disagree		<b>21.7</b>
4. Somewhat Disagree		<b>19.6</b>
<b>(Total Disagree)</b>	<b>41.3</b>	
5. Unsure		<b>17.8</b>

**INFORMED BALLOT**

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14. After hearing some of the pros and the cons, if an election were held today, would you vote YES to support or NO to oppose the Lebanon Municipal Jail operating levy at a rate of 1-dollar per thousand dollars of assessed value to re-open the Municipal Jail? **(STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT)**

1. Strongly Yes		<b>24.6</b>
2. Somewhat Yes		<b>22.5</b>
<b>(Total Yes)</b>	<b>47.1</b>	
3. Strongly No		<b>27.2</b>
4. Somewhat No		<b>9.1</b>
<b>(Total No)</b>	<b>36.3</b>	
5. Unsure		<b>16.7</b>

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**DEMOGRAPHICS**

## 15. GENDER:

1. Male	<b>45.7</b>
2. Female	<b>54.3</b>

## 16. AGE: Are you between the ages of ...?

1. 18-39	<b>12.3</b>
2. 40-59	<b>36.6</b>
3. 60+	<b>51.1</b>

## 17. POLITICAL PARTY:

1. Democrat	<b>27.5</b>
2. Republican	<b>40.6</b>
3. Independent/NAV	<b>31.9</b>

## 18. VOTER HISTORY: (INTERVIEWERS; PLEASE RECORD FROM THE PHONE LIST – SEE INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR PROCEDURE)

1. Voted in 1 Out Of 4 Elections	<b>12.0</b>
2. Voted in 2 Out Of 4 Elections	<b>17.0</b>
3. Voted in 3 Out Of 4 Elections	<b>23.2</b>
4. Voted in 4 Out Of 4 Elections	<b>47.8</b>

## 19. GEOGRAPHIC AREA: (INTERVIEWERS; PLEASE RECORD FROM THE PHONE LIST)

1. Ward 1	<b>27.5</b>
2. Ward 2	<b>38.0</b>
3. Ward 2	<b>34.4</b>