



**City of Sweet Home**  
November 3, 2020 - General Election  
Police and Library Operating Levy Information



What: Sweet Home Police and Library Operating Levies  
Who: Voters within the City of Sweet Home  
How: Ballots will be mailed to registered voters on October 14, 2020  
When: **Ballots must be mailed in time to arrive by November 3<sup>rd</sup> or must be placed in drop boxes in Sweet Home or received at the Linn County Court House by 8:00 pm on Tuesday, November 3, 2020**

**Q – What is the issue?**

A - Primary funding for the Sweet Home Police and Library Services has been obtained through temporary local option tax levies since 1986. The tax levies approved in 2015 are scheduled to expire June 30, 2021. Continuation of both levies have been placed on the November 3, 2020 Election Ballot.

**Q – How will the new levies affect the rates of the current levies?**

A - The new levies if approved, would replace the expiring levies and not be added to the current levy rates.

**Q – What happens to the money from these levies?**

A - The tax revenue generated from the levies can be used only to fund Sweet Home Police and Library operations.

**Q – What is the tax rate of each of the levy requests?**

A - The Police Operating Levy rate will be \$7.85 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.  
The Library Operating Levy rate will be \$1.17 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

**Q – How do these tax rates compare to the rates in the expiring levies?**

A - The rates proposed match the rates of the expiring operating levies. Taxpayers may pay more taxes than the prior year solely due to an increase in assessed value of their property but not due to an increase in the rate charged.

**Q – How can I get more information on these ballot measures?**

A - If you have questions or want additional information regarding these two ballot measures, contact the City of Sweet Home at (541) 367-8969.

**TURN OVER FOR BALLOT TITLES**

## BALLOT TITLES

### **22-138 SWEET HOME POLICE SERVICES FIVE YEAR OPERATING LEVY CONTINUATION**

**QUESTION:** Shall the City continue the Police Services Operating Levy beginning in 2021 and maintain current services for another five years? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

**SUMMARY:** APPROVING THIS FIVE YEAR LOCAL OPTION LEVY WOULD EXTEND THE CITY OF SWEET HOME POLICE SERVICES OPERATING LEVY THROUGH JUNE 2026.

This levy would begin July 1, 2021 with all revenues received used to provide continued funding for the City of Sweet Home Police Services operations through June 2026.

This five year levy would produce at a rate of \$7.85 per \$1,000 of assessed value an estimated total of \$16,017,681 from the following estimated annual authorizations to levy: \$3,045,917 in 2021; \$3,099,402 in 2022; \$3,151,456 in 2023; \$3,203,844 in 2024; and \$3,517,062 in 2025. This estimate may reflect the impact of early payment discounts, compression and the collection rate.

A "YES" VOTE RETAINS SWEET HOME'S POLICE SERVICES OPERATING LEVY

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.

### **22-139 SWEET HOME LIBRARY FIVE YEAR OPERATING LEVY CONTINUATION**

**QUESTION:** Shall the City continue the Library Operating Levy beginning in 2021 and maintain current services for another five years? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

**SUMMARY:** APPROVING THIS FIVE YEAR LOCAL OPTION LEVY WOULD EXTEND THE CITY OF SWEET HOME LIBRARY OPERATING LEVY THROUGH JUNE 2026.

This levy would begin July 1, 2021 with all revenues received used to provide continued funding for the City of Sweet Home Library operations through June 2026.

This five year levy would produce at a rate of \$1.17 per \$1,000 of assessed value an estimated total of \$2,393,820 from the following estimated annual authorizations to levy: \$453,977 in 2021; \$561,949 in 2022; \$469,707 in 2023; \$477,516 in 2024; and \$530,671 in 2025. This estimate may reflect the impact of early payment discounts, compression and the collection rate.

A "YES" VOTE RETAINS SWEET HOME'S LIBRARY OPERATING LEVY

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.

**OFFICIAL BALLOT DROP SITES IN SWEET HOME ARE LOCATED AT  
THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND CITY HALL**