

Linn County Sheriff's Office

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Information About Proposed Measure 22-189 on November 2, 2021 Ballot

The current Law Enforcement Levy, approved in 2018, will expire on June 30, 2022.

Proposed measure 22-189 would replace the expiring levy.

If the proposed measure passes, the levy would be limited to a four-year fiscal period from July, 2022 through June, 2026.

Future proposed levies would not occur without voter approval.

The proposed levy would maintain existing public safety services, with revenues funding operations of the Sheriff's Office (76%), criminal prosecution at the District Attorney's Office (10%), plus juvenile offender supervision and detention with the Linn County Juvenile Department (14%).



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The proposed levy would provide funding for Linn County's law enforcement services, and would maintain the following:

- 24-hours per day uniformed Patrol and criminal investigations operations;
- Prosecution of major crimes, including homicides, as well as crimes against children, sexual assaults, and property and person crimes;
- Victims' assistance for all crime victims;
- Juvenile programs reducing crime;
- Operation of 230-bed jail facility.

The cost of the proposed measure 22-189, if passed:

• If passed, proposed measure 22-189 would cost \$2.98 per \$1,000 of assessed property value (not Real Market Value "RMV"). The monthly cost would be approximately \$45.94 on a home with an assessed value of \$185,000 – an increase of \$2.31 per month from the expiring levy rate.

If passed, proposed measure 22-189 would:

- Support continued operations of the 230-bed Linn County Jail facility, which was fully reopened when voters passed the law enforcement levy in 2014;
- Provide funding to renovate and upgrade the female housing unit in the Jail, as well as the 9-1-1 Communications Center for Linn County;
- Increase the availability and capacity of digital forensic services and technology available to investigate and prosecute computer and other technology-facilitated crimes;
- In partnership with mental health professionals, increase mental health crisis response capabilities and trained personnel, as well as connect those persons in crisis with mental health and medical assistance;
- Promote Emergency Preparedness initiatives county-wide related to wildfires, flooding and severe weather events through disaster planning, prevention and mitigation efforts;
- Continue the Sheriff's Office involvement in an inter-agency drug enforcement team
 to arrest drug traffickers and those involved in serious drug-related crimes such as
 identity theft, property crimes, child abuse and child neglect.

If the proposed measure 22-189 does not pass, the proposed services would not be provided and the current tax rate would remain the same until the existing levy expires in June, 2022.

The proposed measure would cost \$2.98 per \$1,000 of assessed value (this is different than the real market value "RMV"). The cost would be approximately \$45.94 per month, or \$551.30 per year, on a home with an assessed value of \$185,000 - an increase of \$27.75 per year from the expiring levy rate.

It is estimated the proposed four year levy would raise an estimated total of \$35.38 million in 2022-23, \$36.35 million in 2023-24; \$37.35 million in 2024-25; and \$38.38 million in 2025-26 if the measure passes.