

Not Adopted

(2 levies)

BEFORE THE COUNCIL
OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING)
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT)
ZOO SERIAL LEVIES)

ORDINANCE NO. 80-85
Introduced by the
Ways and Means Committee

THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Short Title

This ordinance shall be known as the "Zoo Serial Levy Ordinance" and may be so cited and pleaded and shall be cited herein as "this ordinance."

Section 2. Definitions

A. "Council" means the Council of the Metropolitan Service District.

B. "District" means the Metropolitan Service District and all of the land and territory included within the boundaries of the District.

C. "Zoo" means the Washington Park Zoo of Portland, Oregon, operated by the District under ORS 268.310 (5).

Section 3. Findings

A. ORS 268.310 (5) permits the District to "acquire, construct, alter, maintain, administer and operate metropolitan zoo facilities."

B. ORS 268.315 provides that "(F)or the purpose of performing the functions set forth in subsection (5) of ORS 268.310, the District, when authorized at any properly called election held for such purpose, shall have the power to levy an ad valorem tax on all

taxable property within its boundaries not to exceed in any one year one-half of one percent (.005) of the true cash value of all taxable property within the boundaries of such district, computed in accordance with ORS 308.207."

C. The Zoo currently receives approximately 40 percent of its total revenues from a serial levy that will expire at the end of FY 1981.

D. The Zoo, with unique educational and recreational offerings, is utilized by and benefits District residents.

E. A regional funding base is necessary to provide for continued adequate care, maintenance and development of the Zoo's animal collection, programs and physical facilities.

F. During fiscal years 1982 through 1984 property tax revenues in the total amount of \$13,900,000 for the three-year period will be needed to fund Zoo operating expenses.

Section 4. Purpose

The purposes of this ordinance are:

A. To provide for the health and welfare of District residents by providing for the maintenance and operation of the Zoo.

B. To approve submission of two three-year operating serial levies to the voters on May 20, 1980, the revenues of which will be used for purposes permitted under ORS 268.310 (5) and to pay the costs of holding the election.

Section 5. Submission of Tax Levy

A. The Council approves and hereby directs that a three-year operating serial levy of \$2,000,000 each year for three years, a total of \$6,000,000 for the three-year period, be submitted to the

voters on May 20, 1980. This levy shall be submitted separately from the operating levy in subparagraph B of this Section so that it may qualify for the partial State payment provided by 1979 Or. Laws ch. 241.

B. The Council approves and hereby directs that a three-year operating serial levy of \$2,633,333 each year for three years, a total of \$7,900,000 for the three-year period, be submitted to the voters on May 20, 1980.

Section 6. Ballot Titles

A. The Ballot Titles for the levies described in Section 5 of this ordinance shall be as follows:

SERIAL LEVY,
PARTIALLY STATE FINANCED,
FOR ZOO OPERATIONS

QUESTION: Shall the Metropolitan Service District levy \$2,000,000, partially State financed, each year for three years for operation of the Zoo?

PURPOSE: This levy authorizes the Metropolitan Service District to serially levy \$2,000,000 each year for three years for a total over the three-year period of \$6,000,000 property tax outside the six percent limitation specified in Article XI, Section 11 of the Oregon Constitution. Proceeds from the levy would be used entirely to support operation and maintenance of the Zoo, and no portion of the levy would be used for capital construction.

EXPLANATION: The Washington Park Zoo is owned and operated by the Metropolitan Service District. In 1976, the voters of the District approved a five-year serial levy for Zoo operations and maintenance of \$10,000,000; \$2,000,000 each year for five years. That levy expires in 1981.

This proposed levy would provide \$2,000,000 for continued Zoo operations each year for three years; a total of \$6,000,000. The levy would begin in 1981 and expire in 1984. No provision is made in this

levy for inflation and operation cost increases over the current funding level. A levy to offset such cost increases during the three-year period is being submitted as a separate measure.

If this measure is approved, the \$6,000,000 will be partially funded by the State of Oregon. Such partial State funding is contingent upon voter approval of Ballot Measure # _____ which, if approved, would provide partial State funding of local levies for operations.

SERIAL LEVY,
WITHOUT STATE FINANCING,
FOR ZOO OPERATIONS

QUESTION: Shall the Metropolitan Service District levy \$2,633,333 each year for three years for operation of the Washington Park Zoo?

PURPOSE: This levy authorizes the Metropolitan Service District to serially levy \$2,633,333 each year for three years for a total over the three-year period of \$7,900,000 property tax outside the six percent limitation specified in Article XI, Section 11 of the Oregon Constitution. Proceeds from the levy would be used entirely to support operation and maintenance of the Zoo, and no portion of the levy would be used for capital construction.

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This proposed levy would provide \$2,633,333 for Zoo operations each year for three years; a total of \$7,900,000 over the three-year period from 1981 to 1984. These funds would enable the Zoo to provide the same level of service which is currently being provided, by offsetting cost increases due to inflation, and would provide for the operation of new animal exhibits proposed for completion during the three-year period. None of the proceeds from this measure would be used for capital construction, and all such construction would be financed by revenues

from Zoo concessions and gate receipts.

If this measure is approved, \$7,900,000 of taxes levied will be totally financed by local taxpayers without any partial state payment.

B. The above Ballot Titles shall be filed with the Director of Records and Elections of Multnomah County not later than March 11, 1980.

ADOPTED by the Council of the Metropolitan Service District
this ____ day of _____, 1980.

Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Council

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