

Legal Notice:

- On February 26th, 2026 the City of Port Orford received a Ballot Title.
- An elector may file a petition to review the ballot title.
- The deadline for filing a petition to review the ballot title with the Circuit Court of Curry County is March 18th, 2026
- Ballot Title: Provide sustainable funding for the Port Orford Police Department

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QUESTION: Shall the City impose \$3.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value to operate police services for five years beginning FY 2026-27? This measure repeals and replaces the current local option tax and may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

STATEMENT: The purpose of this local option tax measure is to provide adequate funding for operations of the Port Orford Police Department. Given rising costs, the existing rate of \$1.80 per \$1,000 of assessed value is no longer enough to maintain current levels of service, which resulted in the recently adopted public safety fee. This measure will repeal the existing levy and replace it with a \$3.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value levy for five years beginning in FY 2026-2027. Upon passage of the levy, the city will eliminate its \$12 monthly public safety fee. If not repealed and replaced, the existing levy and \$12 monthly fee will continue, but the City will be forced to reduce police services and response. It is estimated that the proposed rate will raise approximately \$643,475 in 2026–2027, \$662,776 in 2027-2028, \$682,661 in 2028-2029, \$703,143 in 2029-2030, and \$724,238 in 2030-2031, for a total of \$4,041,026.

A “Yes” vote will repeal the existing Police Levy of \$1.80 per \$1000 and replace it with a new Police Levy of \$3.50 per \$1000. It will also eliminate the \$12 monthly public safety fee on utility bills.

A “No” vote will keep the current Police Levy and monthly public safety fee, but result in a reduction of Police Services.