
**Authorizing a Special Tax for Fire Fighting Equipment
and Fire Station Construction**

**Charter Amendment Submitted
to the Voters by the Council**

RESOLUTION NO. 23722

Adopted August 12, 1948

AN ACT

To amend an Act of the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon entitled: "An Act to incorporate the City of Portland, Multnomah County, State of Oregon, and to provide a charter therefor, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts in conflict therewith," filed in the office of the secretary of state January 23, 1903, as subsequently amended by said Legislative Assembly and by the people of the City of Portland from time to time, and as recodified, arranged and annotated pursuant to Ordinance No. 76832, by inserting therein a new section to be numbered Section 7-116, authorizing and directing the Council to levy a special tax of not to exceed one-half mill each year on each dollar of assessed valuation for a period of five years beginning with the taxes levied in the year 1949 in excess of the limitation contained in Section 11 of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Oregon, for a special fund to be designated as fire equipment and building fund to be used for purchasing mobile fire fighting equipment for the Bureau of Fire, and for the purchase of property for, and construction and equipping of modern fire stations for the Bureau of Fire in replacing engine houses Nos. 1, 2, 13, 19, 21, and 32."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON:

Section 1. The Act of the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon entitled: "An Act to incorporate the city of Portland, Multnomah County, State of Oregon, and to provide a charter therefor, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts in conflict therewith," filed in the office of the secretary of state January 23, 1903, as subsequently amended by said Legislative Assembly and by the people of the city of Portland from time to time, and as recodified, arranged and annotated pursuant to Ordinance No. 76832, hereby is amended by inserting therein a new section to be numbered, entitled and reading as follows:

Section 7-116. SPECIAL TAX LEVY FOR PURCHASE OF FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT AND FIRE STATION CONSTRUCTION. In order that fifteen pumpers, five hook and ladder trucks, and one hose truck belonging to the Bureau of Fire of the City of Portland which are twenty to thirty-five years old and cannot longer be classified as modern fire equipment, and cannot give adequate fire protection to the areas in which they are stationed, may be retired from service and replaced by modern equipment which can give fire protection to such areas, and in order that the entire city may be more adequately protected from fire by the proper location of fire stations, the Council hereby is authorized and directed to levy in the years 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, and 1953, at the time taxes are levied for the payment of expenses of the City, a special tax of not to exceed one-half mill in each of such years on each dollar of assessed valuation on all property in the city of Portland not exempt from taxation. The pro-

ceeds from such special tax levy shall be placed in the special fund to be designated fire equipment and building fund. The money in said fund shall be expended in payment for new fire equipment, and for the purchase of property for, and construction and equipping of modern fire stations for the Bureau of Fire in replacing engine houses Nos. 1, 2, 13, 19, 21, and 32. Such salvage or sale value as may be obtained from said obsolete equipment shall be paid into said fund.

Said special tax is hereby specifically authorized and it shall not be counted as within the limitation provided by Section 11 of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Oregon, or any other law, and said special tax hereby specifically authorized for each of said years shall be in addition to all other taxes which may be levied according to law.

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The ballot title adopted for the foregoing measure is as follows:

AN ACT to amend Portland's city charter to provide for a fire equipment and building fund to be used for the purchase of new fire equipment to replace 21 pieces of equipment 20 to 35 years old and to purchase property for, construct and equip modern fire stations to replace Engine Houses Nos. 1, 2, 13, 19, 21 and 32; directing the levying therefor of a special tax for the years 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952 and 1953 in excess of constitutional limitation of not to exceed one-half mill on each dollar of assessed valuation and directing that proceeds from the salvage of obsolete fire equipment be placed in such fund.

Shall the Charter be so amended?

506 Yes. I vote for the amendment.

507 No. I vote against the amendment.