

Exhibit 2

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR VOTERS' PAMPHLET

Ballot Title Caption: Four Year Law Enforcement Local Option Tax Levy.

Measure Number: 22-189

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By [Signature] Deputy
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An operating levy submitted by the Board of Commissioners to the electors of Linn County to be voted on at the General Election, November 2, 2021

For more than thirty-eight years, Linn County citizens have voted to support law enforcement levies that have provided significant funding for:

- Operation and maintenance of the Jail by the Sheriff.
- Sheriff's deputies for criminal investigations together with patrol and traffic operations.
- Prosecution of criminals by the District Attorney.
- Supervision and detention of juvenile offenders by the Juvenile Department.

Linn County is now in the fourth year of the current four-year levy, which was approved by the voters in May 2018 and began July 1, 2018. The intent of the proposed law enforcement levy is to replace the current levy when it expires, and continue funding the County's law enforcement activities for an additional four years at the tax rate of \$2.98 per \$1,000 assessed value. All revenues would continue to fund Sheriff's operations including the jail, criminal prosecution, and juvenile offender supervision and detention.

This proposed four-year measure would retain stable, long-term funding for Linn County's law enforcement efforts to foster safe communities for its citizens. In addition, this replacement levy would allow for needed renovations and upgrades to female housing in Jail, to prevent overcrowding, and remodeling of the Linn County's 9-1-1 Communications Center. The levy would also allow for the improvement of digital forensic services and technology available to the Sheriff and District Attorney. Linn County public safety would also be able to increase mental health crisis response, in partnership with mental health professionals, which would help people in crisis connect with medical assistance. Additionally, the passage of this levy would allow for the Sheriff's Emergency Management to enhance and promote Emergency Preparedness initiatives throughout the county, especially for wildfires, flooding and severe weather.

If this proposed levy passes, those law enforcement services would be maintained and enhanced through June 2026. For the law enforcement levy to be enacted for another four years, it must receive a majority of the votes cast by the voters of Linn County.

How would this replacement levy affect a homeowner's taxes?

The replacement levy would set a four-year, fixed rate of \$2.98 per \$1,000 of assessed value, an

increase of 15¢. If approved, in 2021 the typical homeowner with an assessed value (not market value) of \$185,000 would pay \$551.30 annually, an increase of \$27.75 per year from the current rate.

More information?

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Submitted by the Linn County Board of Commissioners