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## Press Release

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: City Council Refers Police Station Bond Measure to November 2025 Ballot**

**Umatilla, OR** — The Umatilla City Council has approved referring Bond Measure 30-168 to the November 2025 ballot, which would raise \$19.8 million for the construction of a new police station designed to serve the community's long-term public safety needs.

If approved, the average annual tax rate is estimated to be 27 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value. The bond measure would also leverage a unique funding opportunity: 93.5% of the project's costs would be covered by contributions from corporate data centers operating within Umatilla's enterprise zone that are not currently being assessed.

If the measure is not approved, this additional funding from data centers will not be available and the city will pursue other options to fund the police station.

The City Council has also approved a Public Safety Center Credit for residents if the measure passes, which is intended to address concerns about the cost to households. This program will provide an annual credit equal to each household's general obligation bond payment toward the police station, offsetting the cost of the project for residential taxpayers.

The proposed facility, located near the existing police station site, would provide the department with the resources and space needed to meet modern policing standards. Plans include secure interview rooms, expanded evidence storage, mental and physical wellness spaces for officers, and a community room available for public meetings and events.

“We heard clearly from the Umatilla community that concerns about cost are a priority,” said City Manager David Stockdale. “This plan directly addresses that concern by ensuring that residents’ bond payments will be offset while still unlocking an unprecedented funding source available through our enterprise zone partners. This project represents an opportunity to build a police station designed specifically to meet the needs of our community for decades to come.”

The new police station would replace the current facility, which has been in use for decades and no longer meets the operational or safety needs of a modern police force. The project has been in planning since 2021 and is part of the City’s ongoing commitment to improving livability, safety, and long-term infrastructure.

For more details about the bond measure and the proposed police station, please visit [www.umatilla.gov/policestation](http://www.umatilla.gov/policestation).

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