

**City of Berthoud  
Ballot Issue 6D**

“SHALL BERTHOUD COMMUNITY LIBRARY DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED \$1,275,000 ANNUALLY FOR COLLECTION BEGINNING IN 2022, AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY AN ADDITIONAL PERCENTAGE EQUAL TO INFLATION PLUS ANNUAL LOCAL GROWTH AS DEFINED IN ART. X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, WITH HALF THE TAX INCREASE EXPIRING AFTER THIRTY YEARS, TO MAINTAIN EXISTING SERVICES AND TO MEET THE INCREASED DEMAND FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES, WHICH MAY INCLUDE:

- CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW, LARGER LIBRARY BUILDING TO MEET GROWING COMMUNITY NEEDS;
- SEPARATE SPACES FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS;
- NEW COMMUNITY MEETING ROOMS, INNOVATION LAB, AND RECORDING STUDIO;
- EXPANDED COMPUTER LAB AND INTERNET CAPACITY FOR PUBLIC USE;
- SUPPORTING THE COST OF STAFFING AND GENERAL OPERATIONS;

AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO LEVY A PROPERTY TAX AT A RATE SUFFICIENT TO PRODUCE THIS INCREASE, COMMENCING WITH TAXES PAYABLE IN 2022 AND CONTINUING EACH YEAR THEREAFTER (EXPECTED TO RESULT IN A MONTHLY TAX INCREASE OF \$2.97 FOR EACH \$100,000 OF HOME VALUE IN 2022); AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE ENTITLED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND THOSE REVENUES IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER TAXES, FEES OR OTHER REVENUES OF THE DISTRICT AND NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LIMITATION OR RESTRICTION OF ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, OR WITHOUT REGARD TO THE 5.5% PROPERTY TAX REVENUE LIMITATION OF SECTION 29-1-301, C.R.S. OR ANY OTHER LAW?”

Background: The Berthoud Community Library District (BCLD) was created with voter approval in 2007. The current Berthoud library building was constructed with donations and Town funds in 1993, when the population of Berthoud was 3,000. In 2020 the Census reported the Town population at over 10,000. The BCLD serves an area beyond the Town limits and the service area population was over 15,000 in 2020. Rapid population growth is expected to continue.

**Major Provisions:**

- Authorizes Berthoud Community Library District to levy a property tax at a rate sufficient to increase taxes by \$1,275,000 per year starting in 2022 (expected to result in a monthly tax increase of \$2.97 for each \$100,000 of home value in 2022).
- The tax will increase in subsequent years by a percentage equal to inflation plus annual local growth.
- Half of this tax increase expires after 30 years.
- Entitles BCLD to collect, retain and spend those revenues in addition to other district taxes, fees and revenues, notwithstanding limitations of the Colorado Constitution or Colorado Statutes.
- Directs that funds be spent to maintain existing services and meet increased demand for additional services, including the possible construction of a new library building.

**Pros and Cons:**

At the time the League of Women Voters of Larimer County compiled this information, no formal statements of support or opposition to this measure had been published in local or county newspapers. If formal statements were filed with the County Clerk’s Office, they will be included in the Larimer County Voter Information publication.