
Josephine (JO) County (CO) Justice System (JS) & Public Safety Services(PSS)

JO CO Justice System & Public Safety Services¹⁻⁴

The 2012 expiration of federal funding for services resulted in two JO CO proposed levies as a solution. We believe an informed public will consider the question behind the 2013 Measure 17 - 49, the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Three Year Local Option Tax: "Is JO CO providing an adequate level of public safety services?"¹⁻²

Constitution of United States (US)

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, (make good government & laws) insure domestic Tranquility, (peace in our homes) provide for the common defense, (national security) promote the general Welfare, (healthy communities) and secure the Blessings of Liberty (freedom) to ourselves and our Posterity, (family & friends) do ordain and establish (give authority) this Constitution (the supreme law of the land) for the United States of America.

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Justice System Exploratory Committee

Principles of US Constitution There are seven principles of the Constitution.

1. Popular Sovereignty
2. Republicanism
3. Federalism
4. Separation of Powers
5. Checks and Balances
6. Limited Government
7. Individual Rights

Checks and Balances – procedural rules allow one branch to check and to limit another . 2. **Separation of Powers** – the government is divided into 3 branches. 3. **Republicanism** – citizens elect representatives to carry out their will 4. **Federalism**-- the division of power between the federal government and the states. 5. **Limited Government**-- the government has only the powers given by the constitution 6. **Individual Rights** – every person's basic rights are protected 7. **Popular Sovereignty** – the government gets its authorities from the people.

The three basic principles of our constitution are inalienable rights (life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness), self-government (the people govern themselves), and separation of powers (the idea that each branch of the government (judicial, executive, and legislature) have advantages and disadvantages with the others. Separation of powers is also called checks and balances.

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U.S. Constitution

Seven Articles of the US Constitution The Constitution is our plan for government. The Articles of the Constitution talk about the duties of the three main parts of government: the Executive Branch, the Legislative Branch, and the Judicial Branch. The articles also talk about the separate powers of the Federal and State government, and how to change the Constitution.

- Article 1: Legislative Branch
- Article 2: Executive Branch
- Article 3: Judicial Branch
- Article 4: States' powers.
- Article 5: Amendments
- Article 6: Federal powers
- Article 7: Ratification

What Part of the U.S. Constitution Applies to the JO CO JS&PSS issue?



Want more information? Contact a member of the *Exploratory Committee*.

Exploratory Committee's Mission

Mission An independent Justice System and Public Safety Services Exploratory Committee (*Exploratory Committee*) to investigate the JO CO Justice System & Public Safety Services (JS&PSS) issue was formed under the leadership of the Hugo Neighborhood Association and Historical Society (HNA&HS).

Big picture ideas for the exploratory effort include the following.

1. Identifying the JS&PSS issue.
2. Identifying the JS&PSS sub-issues for research and analysis.
3. Identifying a range in level of services
4. Identifying a range of costs for services.
5. Identifying revenues for services.

The ultimate goal is an adequate justice system and public safety services. Is it possible to have a higher level of service for a lower cost? The purpose of the *Exploratory Committee* is to gather information adequate enough to understand the JS&PSS issues. This includes educational outreach efforts.

The *Exploratory Committee's* purpose is limited to investigating and researching the JS&PSS issues. It will not make evaluations of right or wrong, nor make recommendations on how to vote.

The contents of this brochure are expressions of the opinions and beliefs of those that contribute based on their thoughts and experiences. Hopefully, their efforts will assist the public toward informed decision-making.

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The Preamble of the U.S. Constitution

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