

Notice of Measure Election

District

3-596

Notice

Date of Notice	Name of District	Name of County or Counties	Date of Election
02/23/2023	Canby Rural Fire Protection District No. 62	Clackamas	May 16, 2023

Final Ballot Title The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the district's voters. The ballot title notice has been published and the ballot title challenge process has been completed.

Caption 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure.

Replacement Local Option Levy for Fire and Emergency Medical Services

Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.

Shall Canby Fire District maintain emergency response services by levying \$0.95 per \$1,000 assessed value for five years, beginning 2023? This measure may cause property taxes to increase by more than three percent.

Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.

The Canby Fire District replacement levy would fund a total of 12 firefighter/medics, an increase of 6 firefighter/medics over what the District's existing levy funds.

Since voters first approved the existing levy rate 8 years ago, emergency calls have risen 56%, exceeding 3,500 in 2022. Currently, 47% of the time a Canby Fire crew responds to a medical emergency, a second crew is called to another emergency.

When a third call occurs while two crews are already responding, response delays are likely because first responders in neighboring districts may be called out to assist. If the levy passes, Canby Fire would be able to maintain three medical/fire emergency response teams 24/7.

The levy rate would be \$0.95 per \$1,000 assessed value, an increase of \$0.50 per \$1,000 over the current levy. For a home with the District-average assessed (not market) value of \$276,000, the cost would be \$262 per year or \$22 a month. If the levy passes, Canby Fire would stop collecting on the existing levy and start collecting on the replacement levy.

The estimated amounts to be raised annually by this levy are: FY2023-2024: \$2,836,634 FY2024-2025: \$2,921,733 FY2025-2026: 3,009,385 FY2026-2027: 3,099,667 FY2027-2028: 3,192,657

Explanatory Statement 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect.

If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be drafted and attached to this form for:

- any measure referred by the district elections authority; or
- any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.

Explanatory Statement Attached?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Authorized District Official Not required to be notarized.

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By signing this document:

- I hereby state that I am authorized by the district elections authority to submit this Notice of Measure Election; and
- I certify that notice of receipt of ballot title has been published and the ballot title challenge process for this measure completed.

Signature Redacted

02/23/2023
Date Signed

**Canby Rural Fire Protection District No. 62
May 2023 Replacement Local Option Levy**

Measure No. 3-596

Explanatory Statement

Canby Fire District provides first response to medical, rescue, and fire emergencies across a 54 square mile area that includes Canby, Barlow and surrounding suburban and rural communities. CFD's firefighter/medics provide life-saving care at medical and rescue emergencies and fight structure, industrial, and wildland fires. Operations are funded primarily through property taxes.

CFD has a permanent property tax rate of \$1.54 per-thousand of assessed (not market) value. We are also funded by a \$0.45 per-thousand 5-year levy that funds 6 of our 18 firefighters. Since we last asked voters to renew the 5-year levy, the rate of increase for emergency medical calls has accelerated. To meet increasing emergency calls, CFD is asking voters to increase the rate to \$0.95 per-thousand to fund 6 additional firefighter/medics.

Why are 6 additional firefighter/medics needed?

Since the current levy rate was first approved, emergency calls have increased 56%, from 2,284 in 2014 to 3,568 in 2022, with the great majority of calls being medical emergencies. During the same period the percentage of time that calls overlap (requiring multiple teams at the same time) rose from 30% to 47%.

If the 5-year replacement levy is approved, it would allow CFD to ensure:

- ▶ **Faster medical response when calls overlap.** CFD would maintain two response teams at the Main Station and one at North Station, 24/7. Having three teams on duty 24/7 would help maintain fast response by reducing the need for out-of-district responders when calls overlap.
- ▶ **Fire response capability from North Station.** Currently, the North Station is staffed with 2 firefighter/medics 24/7. However, safety standards require at least 3 firefighters respond to fire emergencies, limiting this station's ability to respond to fires. The levy would ensure 3 firefighter/medics are assigned to North Station allowing response to both medical and fire emergencies.
- ▶ **Improved fire response District-wide.** Currently, when 2 medical calls overlap, CFD's fire engines do not have adequate staffing for immediate fire response, resulting in delays waiting for assistance from neighboring districts. If the levy passes, CFD would have adequate staffing for a fire engine response while 2 medical calls are active.

What is the cost of the replacement levy?

The 5-year levy rate would be \$0.95 per \$1,000 of assessed (not market) value, a 50-cent per-thousand increase over the current levy. For a home with the District-average assessed (not market) value of \$276,000, the cost would be \$262 per year or \$22 a month. If the replacement levy passes, CFD would stop collecting on the existing levy and start collecting on the replacement levy.

What happens if the levy fails?

CFD expects emergency calls to continue growing with the District's population. If the levy fails, response times to an increasing number of medical and fire emergencies would likely lengthen because neighboring districts would be called on more often to assist when CFD teams are on other calls.

If the levy fails, CFD would continue collecting on the existing local option levy at the rate of \$0.45 per-thousand of assessed value.