

Notice of Measure Election**District**

3-529

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250.041, 255.145, 255.345**Notice****Date of Notice**
03/06/2018**Name of District**
Molalla Rural Fire Protection**Name of County or Counties**
Clackamas**Date of Election**
May 15, 2018**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.

Local Option Replacement Levy to Maintain Fire, Emergency Medical Operations

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

Shall the District levy \$0.76 per \$1000.00 of assessed value for five years beginning 2018-2019 for fire and emergency operations? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

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

Molalla Rural Fire Protection District #73 provides fire, emergency medical, and ambulance services to residents of Molalla and surrounding areas. District operations are funded through a property tax base and local option levy.

If adopted, this levy would replace funding from the current levy that expires in 2019 and from a federal grant that will expire in 2018. Revenue from this levy would enable the District to retain existing firefighter/paramedic positions funded through the expiring federal grant.

In addition, if adopted, the levy funds would:

- Help ensure a second ambulance crew is available when one crew is already involved in transporting a patient.
- Help maintain the District's current ability to handle multiple emergency calls at the same time without having to wait for backup from neighboring districts.
- Retain a total of 6 firefighter/paramedics with advanced life-saving skills that bring a near emergency room level of assistance to patients.

For a home assessed at \$170,000, the cost of this proposed levy would be about \$130 for the first year.

The requested rate will raise approximately \$1,168,029 in 2018-2019, \$1,203,070 in 2019-2020, \$1,239,162 in 2020-2021, \$1,276,337 in 2021-2022, and \$1,314,627 in 2022-2023. The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of estimate and may reflect the impact of early payment discounts, compression and the collection rate.

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.**Name**
Vince Stafford**Title**
Fire Chief**Mailing Address**
PO Box 655, Molalla, OR 97038-0655**Contact Phone**
(503)829-2200*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.

03/05/2018

Date Signed

Measure Explanatory Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet

Important! Please read all instructions before completing this form. This form is to be used when filing a 'Measure Explanatory Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet' with your County Elections office. If a local government is located in more than one county, the county clerk of the county in which the city hall of the city or the administrative office of the local government is located shall be the filing officer for the 'Measure Explanatory Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet'.

Filing Information

Election: Primary 20¹⁸ General 20____ Special _____ Measure # 3 - 529

Ballot Title Caption

Local Option Replacement Levy to Maintain Fire, Emergency Medical Operations

Name of Person responsible for content of 'Explanatory Statement' (as it should appear in the Voters' Pamphlet):

Chief Vince Stafford

Name of Jurisdiction/Organization Person is authorized to represent (as it should appear in the Voters' Pamphlet):

Molalla Rural Fire Protection District #73

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ent of 'Explanatory Statement'

3/5/18

Date

MEASURE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

See attached for 'Measure Explanatory Statement' (500 word/number MAX).

For Office Use only:

County: Clackamas

Signed? Yes No

'Measure Explanatory Statement' attached?

Yes No

Word Count (500 max):

Digital copy? Yes No

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**Molalla Rural Fire Protection District #73
May 2018 Local Option Levy**

Explanatory Statement

The Molalla Rural Fire Protection District #73 is seeking approval of a local option levy in the amount of \$.76 per \$1,000 of assessed value that will replace the current levy of \$.43 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

What services does the District provide?

Molalla Fire is the first responder for medical emergencies and fires in its service area. It is also responsible for ambulance transport. Fire prevention, fire investigation, public education, and rescue services are also provided.

Who does the District serve?

Molalla Fire serves an approximately 101 square mile area that includes Molalla and Mulino. The ambulance service area is larger — an approximately 350 square mile area that covers neighboring fire districts and unprotected wilderness area.

How is the District funded?

Molalla Fire is funded through a property tax base and a local option levy approved by voters in 2014. Voters also approved a bond measure to upgrade District facilities and equipment in 2014. Molalla Fire received a Federal "SAFER" grant, which funded three firefighter/medic positions; the grant expires in 2018.

How would levy funds be used?

If approved, replacement levy funds would:

- **Help transport patients to area hospitals.** Molalla Fire is responsible for transporting patients to area hospitals, a trip that can take up to two hours. Levy funds would help ensure a second crew is available to respond to emergencies when one crew is involved in transporting a patient.
- **Help maintain the ability to handle multiple emergency calls.** Levy funds would help maintain Molalla Fire's current ability to handle multiple emergency calls at the same time without having to wait more than 15 minutes for backup from nearby fire districts. About 50% of emergency calls happen when a crew is already out on another emergency.
- **Help maintain a near emergency-room level of assistance to residents.** Molalla Fire's medical response teams include advanced life-saving paramedics

with the ability to bring a near emergency-room level of assistance to patients. Funds from the levy would be used to retain a total of 6 firefighter/paramedics with these skills.

- **Replace funds from a non-renewable Federal grant.** The 33¢ increase in the replacement levy rate compared to the current levy is due to the expiration of a non-renewable Federal grant that has paid for 3 firefighter/paramedics.

What is the cost to property taxpayers?

The cost for property assessed at \$170,000, about average for residential property in the District, would be approximately \$130 a year, an increase of about \$56 over the current levy.

What if the levy is not approved?

If not approved, many calls for fire and medical assistance would have a delay in response and a delay in transport capability. Thus, Molalla Fire would need to increase its reliance on backup support from neighboring fire districts when there are multiple calls for service at the same time. This is because 3 firefighter/paramedics would need to be laid-off when the SAFER grant expires. In addition, when the current levy expires, 3 more firefighter/paramedics would be laid-off.

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