

Notice of Measure Election

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Date of Notice 1/23/2019	Name of District Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue	Name of County or Counties Washington, Clackamas, Multnomah, Yamhill	Date of Election 5/21/2019
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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.

RENEWS LOCAL OPTION LEVY FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

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

See attached.

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

See attached.

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

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Signature

1/23/2019

Date Signed

TVF&R Local Option Levy Renewal

Ballot Measure Language for May 21, 2019 Election

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Approved by: Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue's Board of Directors on January 22, 2019

<p>CAPTION: (10-word limit)</p>	<p>RENEWS LOCAL OPTION LEVY FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (10 words)</p>
<p>QUESTION: (20-word limit)</p>	<p>Shall TVF&R renew an emergency services levy at \$0.45 per \$1,000 assessed value for five years, beginning FY 2020-2021? This measure renews current local option taxes. (19 words) <i>Last sentence does not count toward word limit per ORS 280.070(4)(b).</i></p>
<p>SUMMARY: (175-word limit)</p>	<p>Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R) is seeking a levy renewal for 45 cents per \$1000 of assessed valuation, the same as TVF&R's existing rate. The current levy expires in June 2020. Levy renewals require voter approval. For a property assessed at \$300,000, about the average in TVF&R's service area, the cost of the levy would be approximately \$135 per year or about \$11.25 per month.</p> <p>If the levy renewal does not pass, funding that currently supports at least 92 of 432 TVF&R firefighters and paramedics would be lost. TVF&R's firefighters and paramedics respond to emergency incidents like fires, heart attacks, car crashes, and rescue operations. Funding for other staff positions that support TVF&R's operations would also be lost.</p> <p>If the levy passes, levy funds will maintain firefighter, paramedic, and support staff positions. Proceeds will also be used to purchase land for future fire stations, fire hose, firefighting tools, and medical equipment. (152 words)</p> <p>An estimate of the total amount of money to be raised for each year of the proposed levy renewal is:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">FY 2020-2021: \$28,581,437 FY 2021-2022: \$29,864,743 FY 2022-2023: \$31,205,670 FY 2023-2024: \$32,606,805 FY 2024-2025: \$34,070,850</p> <p><i>Estimated revenue required pursuant to ORS 280.075(2). These words do not count towards the 175-word limit. ORS 280.075(3).</i></p>
<p>EXPLANATORY STATEMENT: (500-word limit)</p>	<p>Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R) provides fire suppression, emergency medical care, technical rescue, water rescue, hazardous material response, and fire prevention services to the cities of Beaverton, Durham, King City, Newberg, North Plains, Rivergrove, Sherwood, Tigard, Tualatin, West Linn and Wilsonville, as well as unincorporated portions of Washington, Clackamas, Yamhill and Multnomah Counties.</p> <p><i>See page two for remainder of Explanatory Statement</i></p>

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT:
(continued)

What is the history behind this proposal?

TVF&R voters first approved a 20-cent local option levy in 2000 and renewed it in 2004 and 2008. In 2014, voters approved a replacement levy with a tax rate of 45 cents per \$1,000 assessed valuation. The 2014 replacement levy provides 22% of TVF&R's funding. Levy renewals require voter approval.

What does this measure call for?

It proposes renewing the current levy for five more years at the same tax rate of \$0.45 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

What would the levy pay for?

If the levy passes, levy funds will maintain at least 92 firefighter and paramedic positions, as well as other staff positions that support TVF&R's operations. Proceeds will also be used to purchase land for future fire stations, fire hose, firefighting tools, and medical equipment.

How much will the levy cost?

For a property assessed at \$300,000, about the average in TVF&R's service area, the cost of the levy would be approximately \$135 per year or about \$11.25 per month.

What happens if the levy does not pass?

If the levy is not renewed before June 2020, reductions in staffing and operations will be required.

What has TVF&R done with the levy funds voters approved in 2014?

- Retained 42 levy-funded firefighters and hired additional firefighters, paramedics and staff who support TVF&R's operations
- Purchased two fire engines, one tiller truck, two medic/rescue units, one response car, one rescue boat, five fire investigator vehicles, and command vehicles
- Constructed one new fire station with a second station in progress
- Acquired land for five fire stations
- Helped fund the seismic upgrade and remodel of three existing fire stations
- Acquired equipment such as fire hose, breathing apparatus, and medical kits

Will property tax bills increase if this measure is approved?

The current tax rate would remain the same, but the assessed value of most properties increases by approximately 3% each year. As a result, the levy amount increases by the same percentage.

When would the new levy first be collected?

It would appear for the first time on the November 2020 property tax statement. The tax rate of \$0.45 per \$1,000 would be identical to what currently appears on individual tax bills.

What is the total tax rate for TVF&R?

The total tax rate for TVF&R is \$2.0839 per \$1000 assessed valuation.

\$1.5252/\$1,000	Permanent Rate
\$0.45/\$1000	Levy being voted on
\$0.1087/\$1000	Bonded debt

(452 words)