

# Notice of Measure Election

City

<b>Notice</b>		
<b>Date of Notice</b>	<b>Name of City or Cities</b> City of Gladstone	<b>Date of Election</b> November 7, 2023

**Final Ballot Title** The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the city'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.

RENEWAL OF CURRENT OPERATING LEVY FOR FIRE AND MEDICAL SERVICES

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

Shall Gladstone renew operating levy of \$0.31 per \$1,000 for fire and medical services for five years beginning 2024-2025? This measure renews current local option taxes.

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

This measure renews the current fire and emergency medical services operating levy which will expire in June 2024. The City Council placed this measure on the ballot to maintain existing services for fire protection and emergency medical response such as:

- \*Current staffing level (3 firefighters at Gladstone station) to maintain current response times for emergency calls
- \*Includes paramedic on duty 24/7
- \*Chief officer coverage for command and control of emergencies and other duties
- \*Fire protection services; response to structure and wildland fires
- \*Response to medical emergencies, vehicle crashes
- \*Training and equipping firefighters and paramedics
- \*Mutual assistance with Portland, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue and other surrounding fire departments
- \*Purchasing capital equipment: fire engines, resource vehicles, protective equipment to maintain existing fire protection and emergency medical services

Estimated amounts to be raised by this levy:

2024-2025: \$336,315  
 2025-2026: \$377,304  
 2026-2027: \$388,623  
 2027-2028: \$400,282  
 2028-2029: \$412,290

TOTAL: \$1,944,814

**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 city governing body; **or**
- any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.

**Explanatory Statement Attached?**  Yes  No

**Authorized City Official** Not required to be notarized.

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*By signing this document:*

- I hereby state that I am authorized by the city 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

08-02-2023

Date Signed

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## City of Gladstone Renewal of Current Operating Levy for Fire and Medical Services Explanatory Statement

### What is Gladstone's Fire and Medical Services Levy?

The Fire and Medical Services Levy, if passed, would continue Gladstone's existing level of fire and medical services—and current staffing.

In April 2022, the City entered into an intergovernmental agreement with Clackamas Fire District #1 to operate Gladstone's fire station at 555 Portland Avenue and to provide fire protection and emergency services to all of Gladstone's residents and businesses.

Clackamas Fire District #1 protects 220,000 residents over 228 square miles from 22 community fire stations (one in Gladstone).

### If the measure passes, would the Fire Services Levy cost taxpayers?

The levy renewal would continue the rate of \$0.31 per \$1,000 of assessed value, unchanged from today. The cost per household for a home with an assessed value of \$242,000 (different than market value) would be, on average, about \$75.

If the levy does not pass, beginning July 2024 the City will be unable to pay Clackamas Fire District #1 for its current level of service, which includes staffing the Gladstone fire station 24/7 with 3 firefighters, including at least one paramedic. Then, the City of Gladstone and Clackamas Fire District will renegotiate to reduce the level of services provided or terminate the agreement.

### What is the City's history with the Fire and Medical Services Levy?

This tax levy was first authorized by voters in November of 1998. In 2002, 2008, and 2012 voters re-authorized a levy. In 2018, voters again approved (80% Yes) the Fire and Medical Services Levy that expires in 2024. If this levy passes, it would maintain the current rate of \$0.31 per \$1,000 of assessed value for five years starting July 2024 through June 2029. **The proposed levy is a renewal request, not a new tax measure.**

### QUICK FACTS

If the measure passes, it would enable Gladstone to maintain current fire and emergency medical services:

- Current staffing levels (3 firefighters at Gladstone station) and current response time for 911 calls, 24/7/365
- Includes paramedic on duty 24/7
- Chief officer coverage for command and control of emergencies and other duties
- Fire protection services; response to structure and wildland fires
- Response to medical emergencies, vehicle crashes
- Training and equipping firefighters and paramedics
- Mutual assistance with Portland, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue and other surrounding fire departments
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