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# Notice of Measure Election

## District

<b>Notice</b>			
<b>Date of Notice</b>	<b>Name of District</b>	<b>Name of County or Counties</b>	<b>Date of Election</b>
	Canby Rural Fire Protection District No. 62	Clackamas	November 3, 2020
<b>Final Ballot Title</b> 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.			
<b>Caption</b> 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure.			
RENEW LOCAL OPTION LEVY FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES			
<b>Question</b> 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.			
Shall Canby Fire District maintain emergency response services by levying \$0.45 per \$1000 assessed value for five years, beginning 2021? This measure renews current local option taxes.			
<b>Summary</b> 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.			
<p>This proposed levy would renew a current local option levy that expires in 2021. The levy renewal would be used to retain six current Firefighter / EMT / Paramedics funded by the expiring levy. The District responds to over 3,000 fire and medical emergency calls each year. This is a 24% increase in fire and emergency medical response over the past five years. This increase impacts the District's ability to provide an immediate response to all calls. The renewal of the levy would be used to continue to fund two ambulance crews for rapid response during peak hours and improve response support when calls overlap. The levy renewal rate is \$0.45 per \$1,000 assessed property value, the same as the current rate. For a typical property assessed at \$250,000, the annual cost would be approximately \$112, about \$10 per month. If the proposed levy fails, the existing levy will expire in 2021, at which time property taxes on a typical property would decline about \$112 per year.</p> <p>The levy renewal is projected to raise \$5,597,553 over five years:</p> <p>2021-22 \$1,075,617 2022-23 \$1,097,129 2023-24 \$1,119,072 2024-25 \$1,141,453 2025-26 \$1,164,282</p>			
<b>Explanatory Statement</b> 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect.			
<p>If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be drafted and attached to this form for:</p> <p>→ any measure referred by the district elections authority; or      <b>Explanatory Statement Attached?</b>    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes    <input type="checkbox"/> No          → any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.</p>			
<b>Authorized District Official</b> Not required to be notarized.			
<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>		
James X. Davis	Fire Chief		
<b>Mailing Address</b>	<b>Contact Phone</b>		
221 S. Pine Street, Canby, Oregon 97013	503-266-5851 / 503-970-4512		
<i>By signing this document:</i>			
→ 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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Date Signed

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The Canby Fire District (CFD) provides fire suppression, emergency medical response, ambulance transportation, community risk reduction, emergency preparation and management, and hazardous materials response services to the City of Canby, the City of Barlow, and a total of 54 square miles of surrounding suburban and rural areas. CFD's mission is "Highly-skilled, efficient response to medical, ambulance, and fire emergencies, while working with our community to prevent, and prepare for the next emergency."

**Why has this measure been placed on the ballot?** The current levy, which funds six Firefighter/EMT/Paramedics, expires in June 2021. This proposed levy would renew the current levy and provide sufficient funding for CFD to retain the existing staffing of Firefighter/EMT/Paramedics 24 hours a day. The number of emergency response calls for Canby Fire District has increased from 1,731 in 2001 to 2,284 in 2014, to over 3000 in 2019. This increase in demand for Canby Fire District services, combined with increasing overlap calls, challenges the Fire District's ability to respond in a quick and effective manner. The maintaining of six levy funded Firefighter/EMT/Paramedics during peak activity hours would continue Canby Fire District's ability to provide fast and effective emergency response services during periods of high demand when volunteers might not be available.

**What does the measure call for?** A "yes" vote would result in a local option levy tax rate of 45¢ per thousand assessed property value, the same as the current rate. For property assessed at \$250,000 the cost would be approximately \$112 per year, about \$10 per month. A "no" vote would result in no renewal of the current local option levy, which expires in June 2021. The current local option levy funds six existing Firefighter/EMT/Paramedic positions.

**What happens if the levy fails?** Without a replacement levy, the Fire District would continue to prioritize emergency response services but would be required to eliminate a minimum of six Firefighter/EMT/ Paramedic positions. Response challenges would also degrade the speed and effectiveness of the Canby Fire District emergency response services, especially in simultaneous call situations, because of the need to wait for back-up responders to arrive from Molalla, Newberg, Oak Lodge, Oregon City, or Wilsonville. If the levy renewal does not pass, the Fire District's Insurance Standards Rating (ISO) may increase, leading to higher insurance rates for commercial occupancies. If the measure fails, taxes for a typical property with an assessed value of \$250,000 would decline by about \$112 per year.

**What would be the total proposed tax rate for Canby Fire District?** \$1.54/\$1000. Permanent rate \$0.45/\$1000. Proposed local option levy rate (being voted on) \$1.99/\$1000 assessed valuation as determined by the Clackamas County assessor's office.