

Notice of Measure Election District

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Notice

Date of Notice	Name of District	Name of County or Counties	Date of Election
3/2/2023	Clackamas County Fire District #1	Clackamas	May 16th, 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.

LOCAL OPTION LEVY FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

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

Shall Clackamas Fire District implement a five-year emergency services levy at \$0.52 per \$1,000 assessed value, beginning FY 2023-24?

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

Clackamas Fire District is seeking an enhanced five-year local-option levy to support fire and medical response throughout the District. Funds will be used for:

- Additional firefighter and first responder positions in all parts of the district to improve response times, safety and effectiveness.
- Full-time, 24/7 career staffing at two rural fire stations (Logan and Clarkes) that are critical to wildfire and emergency response.
- Implementation of quick response vehicles staffed by trained firefighter paramedics for medical and other emergencies in high-volume service areas.
- Equipment and operational costs connected to wildfire preparedness and emergency response.

The levy would cost \$0.52 per thousand of assessed property value, which is \$138 per year for a typical homeowner at the median assessed value of \$266,018.

An estimate of the total amount of money to be raised for each year of the proposed levy renewal is: FY 2023-2024: \$13,806,000 FY 2024-2025: \$14,300,000 FY 2025-2026: \$14,658,000 FY 2026-2027: \$15,024,000 FY 2027-2028: \$15,340,000

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

3-03-2023

Date Signed

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District Overview

Clackamas Fire is one of the largest and busiest fire agencies in the region, serving 220,000 residents across 235 square miles. In 2022, the district responded to more than 30,000 calls for emergency or fire services

Levy Overview

In recent years, growing demands for services and increasing threats from wildfires have strained district budgets, requiring reductions in the number of firefighters on most engine crews. In early 2022, the Clackamas Fire leadership began to develop options for future funding. This process included public meetings and multiple community forums, generating input from community members and staff. In 2023, the Board of Directors voted to refer an emergency services levy to voters. If passed, this levy would fund enhanced firefighter staffing and equipment for emergency and wildfire response.

Why do we need a levy?

Demands for fire, emergency and medical response are increasing across the district. Since 2021, there has been a 15% increase in call volume. At the same time, budget constraints have resulted in a 9% decrease in emergency staffing. Wildfire risk is also increasing, further stretching department resources. The district's permanent tax rate is not able to keep pace with the rising costs of providing services. With more than 30,000 calls expected each year, the district is seeking funding for additional firefighters to meet the needs of each community we serve.

What would the levy pay for?

The levy would fund 62 additional firefighters, enabling increased staffing across most fire stations and 24/7 career staffing at two rural fire stations (Logan and Clarkes) that are critical to wildfire and emergency response. It would also fund quick response vehicles to improve response efficiency in high-volume service areas, as well as equipment and operational costs connected to emergency and wildfire mitigation, prevention, and response.

How much would it cost?

If passed, the emergency services levy would provide annual funding of \$14.5 million at a cost of \$0.52 per \$1000 of assessed property value, which is \$138 for the typical homeowner at the median assessed value of \$266,018.

What happens if the levy does not pass?

If the levy does not pass, staffing reductions implemented in 2022 will remain in place and the Logan and Clarkes fire stations will not be staffed by career firefighters. Further staffing and operational cuts may be required.