

# Notice of Measure Election

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## District

Notice			
Date of Notice 2/27/14	Name of District TVF&R	Name of County or Counties Wash/Clack/Mult	Date of Election May 20, 2014

The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the district's voters.

**Ballot Title** Prepare with assistance from the district attorney or an attorney employed by the district.

**Caption** 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure

Replacement local option levy for fire and medical emergency response

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

Shall TVF&R maintain fire and medical emergency response by levying 45¢ per \$1,000 AV for five years, beginning in 2015. 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

Voters first approved a local option levy for Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R) in 2000 and renewed it in 2004 and 2008. This proposed levy would replace the current levy, which expires June 2015.

The replacement levy would keep 42 current firefighter medics. These firefighters help ensure each crew can take immediate action at complex incidents like fires, heart attacks, car crashes, and rescue situations.

Additionally, an increase in 9-1-1 calls, traffic congestion, and an aging population are impacting emergency response throughout the service area. The replacement levy would also add up to 44 firefighter medics, apparatus, and contribute towards new stations. These resources would help TVF&R meet its objective of fast and effective emergency response.

Staff that support safe and reliable emergency operations would also be funded.

The replacement levy rate is 45¢ per \$1,000 AV, a 20¢ increase over the current rate. For a typical home with an assessed value of \$230,000, the annual increase would be \$46.

If the levy fails, property taxes on a typical home would decline \$58.

The replacement levy is projected to raise \$109,280,075 over five years:

2015-16	\$20,277,124
2016-17	\$21,037,516
2017-18	\$21,826,423
2018-19	\$22,644,914
2019-20	\$23,494,098

**Explanatory Statement** 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect, if required attach to this form

If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be submitted for any measure referred by the district governing body and if required by local ordinance, for any initiative or referendum.

Measure Type	County producing voters' pamphlet		Local ordinance requiring submission		Explanatory statement required	
<input type="checkbox"/> Referral	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Not applicable		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Initiative	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Referendum	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

**Authorized District Official** Not required to be notarized

→ 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 the above ballot title is true and complete.

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**X Signed**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed *2/27/14*

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ELECTION DATE: May 20, , 20 14	Ballot Measure #: 34- 211
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Ballot Title Caption:  
Replacement local option levy for fire and medical emergency response

Name of Person responsible for content of 'Explanatory Statement':  
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Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R) provides firefighting, emergency medical, rescue, and fire prevention services. TVF&R serves residents and businesses in the cities of Beaverton, Durham, King City, Rivergrove, Sherwood, Tigard, Tualatin, West Linn, and Wilsonville, and unincorporated portions of Washington, Clackamas, and Multnomah counties.

Why is this called a replacement levy?

It would take the place of the current levy that expires June 2015. It would appear for the first time on the November 2015 property tax bill.

What is its purpose?

The levy supports TVF&R's highest priority of fast and effective emergency response by:

1. Retaining 42 current firefighter medics hired since 2000. These firefighters help ensure each crew has enough personnel to immediately enter a burning building and to provide immediate life-saving care at medical and rescue incidents.
2. Adding up to 44 firefighter medics, apparatus, and contributing towards new stations in areas where response challenges exist.

Why are new personnel and stations proposed?

Consistent with industry standards, TVF&R's travel time objective is 5 minutes 12 seconds or less. Increases in 9-1-1 calls, traffic congestion, and an aging population are contributing to longer response times.

Additional firefighters, at new and existing sites within TVF&R's network, would improve response times and increase the reliability of current stations to serve their immediate neighborhoods. Positions that support safe and reliable emergency operations such as fire prevention, training, and apparatus maintenance would also be funded.

What steps has TVF&R taken to address response challenges?

1. Single-person paramedic units respond to less severe incidents (serving 8% of calls).
2. Crews review incident data and address community risks through education (e.g., fall reduction for senior care facilities, fire safety for apartment managers).
3. Partnerships with businesses have reduced false alarm calls by 28% since 2006.
4. A new Tigard station was constructed and staffed in 2009.
5. Staff works with city, county, and state transportation agencies to encourage improvements that facilitate rapid response.
6. "Citizen responders" to cardiac patients (before paramedics arrive) are engaged through Hands Only CPR education, TVF&R's PulsePoint app, and public access defibrillators which can shock a failing heart.

If the replacement levy is approved, what is the impact on a homeowner's property tax?

The replacement levy has a tax rate of 45¢ per \$1,000 of assessed value\*, a 20¢ increase over the current rate. This would result in a total levy cost of \$104 for a typical home, a \$46 increase over the expiring levy.

\*Assessed value is different from real market value and is listed on the property tax bill.

What is the impact if the replacement levy fails?

Response challenges would continue to degrade the speed and effectiveness of emergency response services. While maintaining emergency response services would remain TVF&R's priority, the current levy provides 14% of total District operating revenues. As a result, reductions in staffing and operations would be required. Property taxes on a typical home with an assessed value of \$230,000 would decline by \$58/year.

More information is available at [www.tvfr.com](http://www.tvfr.com)

 **X Signed**

Signature of Person responsible for content of 'Explanatory Statement'

**02/27/13**

Date Signed

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