

# Notice of Measure Election

## City

3-536

SEL 802

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250.275, 250.285, 254.095, 254.465**Notice****Date of Notice**

07-02-2018

**Name of City or Cities**

City of Gladstone

**Date of Election**

November 6, 2018

**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 the operating levy of \$0.31 per \$1,000 for fire and medical services for five years beginning 2019-20?

**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 2019. 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 to maintain response times for emergency calls
- Full-time training coordinator position
- Capital funds for future purchases of fire engines and rescue vehicles
- Other services to maintain existing fire protection and emergency medical services

Estimated amounts to be raised by this levy:

2019-2020: \$303,218  
2020-2021: \$312,314  
2021-2022: \$321,683  
2022-2023: \$331,334  
2023-2024: \$341,274

This tax is subject to the local government rate limit of Section 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution

**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.

**Name**

Tami Bannick

**Title**

City Recorder

**Mailing Address**

525 Portland Avenue, Gladstone, OR 97027

**Contact Phone**

503-557-2769

*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

07-02-2018

Signature

Date Signed

## Measure Explanatory Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet

**Important! Please read all instructions before completing this form.** This form is to be used when filing a 'Measure Explanatory Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet' with your County Elections office. If a local government is located in more than one county, the county clerk of the county in which the city hall of the city or the administrative office of the local government is located shall be the filing officer for the 'Measure Explanatory Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet'.

### Filing Information

Election: ☐ Primary 20\_\_\_\_ ☒ General 2018 ☐ Special \_\_\_\_\_ Measure # 3 - 536

Ballot Title Caption

**Renewal of current operating levy for fire and medical services**

Name of Person responsible for content of 'Explanatory Statement' (as it should appear in the Voters' Pamphlet):

**Tami Bannick, City Recorder**

Name of Jurisdiction/Organization Person is authorized to represent (as it should appear in the Voters' Pamphlet):

City of Gladstone

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### SIGNATURE

**Signature Redacted**

Signature of person responsible for content of 'Explanatory Statement'

07-03-2018

Date

### MEASURE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

See attached for 'Measure Explanatory Statement' (500 word/number MAX).

#### For Office Use only:

☒ County: Clackamas

Signed? ☒ Yes ☐ No

'Measure Explanatory Statement' attached?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Intake Staff Initials: AT

Word Count (500 max): 396

Digital copy? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Review Staff Initials: AT

## **CITY OF GLADSTONE RENEWAL OF CURRENT OPERATING LEVY FOR FIRE AND MEDICAL SERVICES EXPLANATORY STATEMENT:**

### **What is the Fire and Medical Services Levy?**

The Gladstone Fire Department, which responded to 1,600 calls for service in 2017, consists of 28 paid-on-call fire personnel and six full-time employees, one of which is funded by the current levy. The Fire Department combines 24-hour on-duty crews with community based home responders to operate a fleet of two fire engines, one ladder truck, and one rescue squad for EMS and water rescues. The fire and medical services levy would continue the current staffing level and the existing level of fire and medical services for the Gladstone community.

### **What Would Renewal of the Fire and Medical Services Levy Do?**

This measure will enable the Fire Department to maintain current fire and emergency medical services by funding one full-time training coordinator position to ensure firefighters receive proper required OSHA, state and federal training and that equipment is adequately maintained and repaired. In addition to continuing the current staffing level, the levy will provide capital funds for the purchase of necessary fire engines, rescue vehicles and protective equipment in the future along with other services to provide a high level of fire and emergency medical response to safeguard residents of Gladstone.

With continued support the Fire Department can:

- Continue to efficiently and quickly respond to 9-1-1 calls 24/7
- Respond to medical emergencies, vehicle accidents, structure and wildland fires, and water rescues
- Properly train and equip firefighters with required skills and equipment to allow for optimal operation of the Fire Department
- Provide assistance to surrounding fire districts when needed
- Maintain a safe workplace that meets heightened federal and state requirements

### **How Does this Renewal Affect Property Taxes If Passed?**

The levy would continue the current rate of \$.31 per \$1,000 of assessed value, unchanged from the current rate. The cost per household for a home with a taxable assessed value of \$200,000 (different than market value) would be, on average, about \$62.

### **What is the City's Recent Fire and Medical Service Tax Levy History?**

This levy was first authorized by voters in November of 1998. In 2012, the voters re-authorized a tax levy of \$.31 per \$1,000 of assessed value which expires in 2019. This levy would maintain the current rate of \$.31 per \$1,000 of assessed value for five years starting July 2019 through 2024.

The proposed levy is a renewal request, not a new tax measure.