

Measure 24-354

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

ARFPD BOARD Recommends a YES vote on MEASURE 24-354

As the voter-elected Board of Directors for the Aurora Rural Fire Protection District (ARFPD), we are responsible for referring Measure 24-354 to the voters. We recommend you vote YES on this measure to continue excellent fire and life safety service for the residents of the Aurora Rural Fire District.

We are unanimous in our support for Measure 24-354 for several reasons:

1. This measure renews the local operating option tax at the same rate.
2. As with the previous levies, it will help ensure a fast response and quick action by ARFPD volunteer and professional firefighters and paramedics at fires, accidents, and medical emergencies within our 64 square mile district.
3. As a five-year levy, it will be collected for the first time in November 2015, after the current levy has expired.
4. The tax rate is \$.49/\$1,000 of assessed value, the same as the expiring levy.

As the Board of Directors, we appreciate and thank you for your past support. We have worked hard to efficiently manage District resources to assure high quality service and with stable costs to the District 63 taxpayer. Your support of our firefighters is greatly appreciated!

Please join us in voting "YES" on Measure 24-354.

- Marc Anderson, President
- Greg Leo, Vice President
- Deb Garner, Secretary
- Donna Hammang, Board Member
- Fred Netter, Board Member

Aurora Rural Fire Protection District Board of Directors

(This information furnished by Greg Leo and Marc Anderson, Aurora Rural Fire Protection District Board of Directors)

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District 63 Firefighters Association support measure 24-354

Measure 24-354 is simple and straightforward; no increases, no fine print, just the continued reliable response to your emergencies you've come to count on. If passed, your tax rate will remain the same.

On behalf of the District 63 Firefighters Association, we strongly support this measure. As a community, we thrive on our resources. Maintaining these resources are essential to providing our communities with the swift and efficient care you and your families deserve. A positive vote ensures we have the personnel available to tend to your needs as well as the essential life saving equipment to do our job.

Measure 24-354 allows our Firefighters and EMTs to care for and protect you at the highest level. It enables us to deploy personnel to your emergency when seconds count. With the same tax rate you've grown accustomed to, this measure will secure another five years of service to you and your loved ones. So please vote yes on measure 24-354, vote yes on your safety, vote yes on your future.

Thank you for your continued support,

Chuck Cox
President

Spencer Kemp
Secretary
District 63 Firefighters Association

(This information furnished by Charles Cox and Spencer Kemp)

No arguments filed in opposition to this measure.

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VOTER INFORMATION

YOU MAY REGISTER TO VOTE IF:

1. You are a resident of Oregon;
2. You are at least 17 years of age (though you will not receive a ballot until an election occurs on or after your 18th birthday), and
3. You are a United States citizen.

YOU MUST UPDATE YOUR REGISTRATION IF:

1. Your residence or mailing address changes;
2. Your name changes, or
3. You wish to change political affiliation.

To be eligible to vote, you must be registered by the close of business on the 21st day before an election (October 15, 2013).

If you make a mistake or damage your ballot in any way and need a replacement, or if you have questions on registration or updating your registration, contact the Elections Division by calling **503.655.8510**.

If a ballot was delivered to your residence for someone who should no longer be receiving ballots at that address, please write "RETURN" on the unopened envelope and put it back in your mailbox.

If a ballot was sent to someone at your address who has passed away, please write DECEASED on the unopened envelope and place it in your mailbox to be returned to Elections.

Your voted ballot must be received in any county Elections office or ballot drop site by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5, 2013.

If you return your ballot by mail, remember: the postmark does not count.

If, instead of mailing your ballot, you'd prefer to take it to an **Official Ballot Drop Site**, the addresses can be found elsewhere in this pamphlet.

Measure Text and Arguments (if any) are printed as filed; no spelling or grammatical corrections are made.

ELECTION RESULTS ON THE INTERNET

After 8:00 p.m. on Election Day

www.clackamas.us/elections/results.html

BALLOT DROP SITES

Your voted ballot may be dropped off at any of the following locations. Outdoor drop boxes are locked at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Damascus City Hall
19920 S.E. Hwy 212, Damascus
Phone: 503.658.8545
Mon - Fri 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Election Day 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Lake Oswego Library (indoor)
706 4th St., Lake Oswego
Phone: 503.636.7628
Mon - Thurs 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Fri, Sat 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sun 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

West Linn City Hall (outdoor)
22500 Salamo Rd., West Linn
Phone: 503.657.0331

West Linn Library (indoor)
1595 Burns St., West Linn
Phone: 503.656.7853
Mon - Wed 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Thu, Fri 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sat, Sun 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Clackamas County Elections
(indoor & outdoor)
1710 Red Soils Ct., Ste. 100
Oregon City, OR 97045

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CAPTION: RENEW CURRENT TAX LEVY FOR EMERGENCY FIRE AND MEDICAL SERVICES

QUESTION: Shall ARFPD renew current emergency services levy at \$.49 per 1,000 assessed value for five years, beginning in FY 2015-2016?

This measure renews current local option taxes.

SUMMARY: Aurora Rural Fire Protection District ("ARFPD") provides emergency fire and medical response services to 64 square miles in Marion and Clackamas Counties including the cities of Aurora and Donald. In 2009 the voters approved a five-year local option levy with a tax rate of \$.49 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Levy funds were used to continue the career staffing at the current level of four fire fighting positions and six resident student fire and life safety positions. These fire fighting positions supplement the volunteer staffing on response units during the daytime hours when many of the volunteers are at work. This helps ensure sufficient personnel arrive within initial minutes of an emergency. Levy funds are also used for supplies, equipment, and repairs. If approved this measure will renew the current levy with the same rate of \$.49 for five years beginning in 2015. In addition to continuing funding for operations and personnel, the levy would pay for fire fighting and medical tools, safety equipment, and repairs.

The estimated revenues for each year of the levy are:

- \$323,235 in 2015-2016
- \$332,932 in 2016-2017
- \$342,920 in 2017-2018
- \$353,207 in 2018-2019
- \$363,803 in 2019-2020

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Aurora Rural Fire Protection District (ARFPD) provides fire suppression, emergency medical care, rescue, and fire prevention services to an area of 64 square miles. ARFPD serves the cities of Aurora and Donald as well as unincorporated areas of Clackamas and Marion counties.

What is the history behind this proposal?

Residents served by ARFPD approved a levy for emergency services in 2009 for five years. It will expire in 2014.

What does this measure propose?

It proposes to renew the current levy for five more years at the same tax rate of \$.49 per \$1,000 of assessed value. This would enable the district to provide the current level of fire suppression and emergency services.

When would the renewed levy first be collected?

It would appear for the first time on the November 2015 property tax statement. The tax rate of \$.49 per \$1,000 would be the same rate currently assessed. For example, a property owner with an assessed value of \$150,000 (estimated market value \$255,000) would pay \$73.50 in 2015.

What was done with the levy funds voters approved in 2009?

The focus of the previous levy was maintaining personnel and updated technology to maintain response to fires and medical emergencies. Specifically:

- 1) Fulltime staff was maintained at the current level of four. The resident student volunteer program was maintained at the current level of six. This staffs personnel positions available Monday through Friday during the daytime hours when many of the volunteers are at work.
- 2) Equipment was repaired as needed.
- 3) A new Fire Tanker was completed for the Donald station to replace one that was over 20 years old.
- 4) New Air packs were purchased for our firefighters to replace units that were outdated and constantly breaking down.
- 5) We used some of the funds to provide a 5% match for a Federal grant that purchased a new Air compressor and fill station for our air packs.

What would the renewed levy pay for?

- 1) Retains firefighting and resident volunteer positions at the current level of staffing. These positions help ensure sufficient personnel arrive within the initial minutes of an emergency.
- 2) Repairs to the existing apparatus and equipment.
- 3) Replaces firefighter safety equipment.
- 4) Provides tools for firefighting and emergency medical response.
- 5) Upgrades emergency communication equipment.
- 6) Continues to cover housing cost for the resident volunteer positions.

What happens if this option tax fails to pass?

Maintaining emergency response services would remain ARFPD's priority. However, severe reduction in staffing and operations would be required, because this levy provides 36% of the total District revenues.

Submitted by: Marc Anderson, Board President
Aurora Rural Fire Protection District Board

VOTING

**[SOME
FREQUENTLY-ASKED
QUESTIONS]**

WHAT IF I DID NOT RECEIVE A BALLOT?

If you do not receive a ballot by October 22nd, call the Elections Division at 503.655.8510 (or TTY / TDD 503.655.1685). Your registration will be checked and if it is found to be current, a replacement ballot will be mailed to you.

WHAT IF I NEED ASSISTANCE VOTING?

Call the Elections Division for further instructions at 503.655.8510 (or TTY / TDD 503.655.1685).

WHAT IF I MAKE A MISTAKE ON MY BALLOT?

Call the Elections Division for further instructions at 503.655.8510 (or TTY / TDD 503.655.1685).

WHAT IF I CHANGE MY MIND AFTER I HAVE RETURNED MY BALLOT?

As soon as you deposit your ballot in a mailbox or at a ballot drop site, your ballot is considered to have been cast. A new ballot cannot be issued.

DOES MY BALLOT HAVE TO BE RETURNED BY MAIL?

You may return your ballot by mail or drop it off at any designated drop site in the state.

DO I NEED TO ATTACH FIRST-CLASS POSTAGE TO MY BALLOT ENVELOPE IF I RETURN IT TO A BALLOT DROP SITE?

No, first-class postage is only required if you mail your ballot back to the Elections Division.

WHEN MUST MY BALLOT BE RETURNED?

Your voted ballot must be received in any county election office or drop site by 8:00 p.m. on election night, Tuesday, November 5. Remember: The postmark does not count.

WHAT ARE THE ELECTIONS DIVISION'S HOURS OF OPERATION ON ELECTION DAY?

Clackamas County Elections Division will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY ELECTIONS DIVISION

VOTERS' PAMPHLET

SPECIAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 5, 2013 AURORA RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Ballots must be returned by 8:00 p.m. on
Tuesday, November 5, 2013.



**CLACKAMAS
COUNTY**

**SHERRY HALL,
COUNTY CLERK**