

Notice of District Measure Election

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EXHIBIT A

District and Notice Information

Notice is hereby given that on May 20, 2014, a measure election will be held in the Molalla Rural Fire Protection District #73 located in Clackamas County, Oregon.

The following shall be the ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the district's voters:

CAPTION: 10 words

Five-Year Local Option Tax for Operations

QUESTION: 20 words

Shall the District levy \$.43 per \$1,000 for five years to provide operational services beginning in FY 2014-2015? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

SUMMARY: 175 words

The Molalla Rural Fire Protection District #73 is seeking a five year local option tax to provide funding to maintain the current level of emergency services, including hiring 3 paramedic/firefighters. It will also provide equipment to those personnel and our volunteers and restore programs cut from previous budgets and will cover increasing costs of operating the District.

The proposed rate will raise approximately \$529,456 in 2014-2015; \$537,398 in 2015-2016; \$545,459 in 2016-2017; \$553,641 in 2017-2018; and \$561,946 in 2018-2019. The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of the estimate.

The estimated cost on a home assessed at \$200,000 would be \$86 per year.

The following authorized district official hereby certifies the above ballot title is true and complete.

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Signature of authorized district official not required to be notarized

3-13-14
Date Signed mm/dd/yy

Vince Stafford

chief

Printed name of authorized district official

Title

1 MEASURE 3-442

2 Molalla Rural Fire Protection District

3 Ballot Title: Five-Year Local Option On Tax For Operations

4 Explanatory Statement:

5 The Molalla Rural Fire Protection District is not a part of the city or county but is a
6 "special service district" providing fire protection for 101 square miles and ambulance
7 service to 350 square miles of Clackamas County including the City of Molalla. District
8 personnel respond to fire and medical emergencies from fire stations in the City of
9 Molalla and in the Mulino and Sawtell areas.

10 The Fire District's Board of Directors is requesting that the taxpayers of the district
11 consider a 5 year local option levy for the specific purpose of and hiring three paramedic
12 / firefighters and to restore programs cut because of inadequate staffing. Currently, with
13 the increase in calls since 1990 the District cannot continue to rely solely on volunteer's
14 response for emergency calls. This is not an effective or safe service level for the
15 community and its residents.

16 Factors prompting the District's Board to submit this measure:

17 User fee revenue reduction due to past Medicare reform.

18 An unusually low permanent tax rate (\$0.7833) which is less than half of other
19 Clackamas County Fire Districts. District growth and new construction will not sustain
20 the increasing costs in emergency response.

21 Inadequate reserves for the purchase of fire apparatus & ambulance replacements as
22 needed or to routinely set aside funding for that purpose.

23 The shortage of available volunteer responders during specific times of the day which
24 would allow for a predictable and appropriate response.

25 The inability to fund any additional career staffing through our annual operations
26 budget.


27 The population within a 5 mile radius of Molalla has risen from 10,332 in 1990 to 12,568
28 in 2013 for an increase of 21.6% (per Census Bureau). The population of our
29 ambulance service area has increased to 25,000. In that same time period, emergency
30 responses increased from 1082 to 2193 annually an increase of 102%. Career staffing
31 has increased by one person (15%) while, with some periodic fluctuation in volunteer
32 numbers have remained at the same level since the 1990's.

33 The district's increased population has not interpreted into a larger volunteer pool as
34 might be expected despite varied recruitment methods.

35 The District's Board is presently unable to assure quality service to its citizens due to
36 the unpredictability of staffing and that the issue be decided by the voters of the District.

37 The estimated cost on a home assessed at \$200,000 would be \$86.00 (\$0.24 cents per
38 day).

39 **Signature Redacted**

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41 Submitted by, 
42 Vince Stafford, Fire Chief,
43 Molalla Rural Fire Protection District #73
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