

# Notice of Measure Election

## District

**SEL 803**rev 03/18 ORS 250.035,  
250.041, 255.145, 255.345**Notice**

<b>Date of Notice</b>	<b>Name of District</b>	<b>Name of County or Counties</b>	<b>Date of Election</b>
March 6, 2024	West Side R.F.P.D.	Hood River	May 21, 2024

**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 to Improve Fire and Emergency Medical Services.

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

Shall WSRFPD improve fire and emergency medical services by levying \$0.97 per \$1,000.00 of AV for five years, beginning 2025-26? This measure may cause property taxes to increase by more than 3%.

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

West Side Rural Fire Protection District responds to fire and emergency medical calls from residents and businesses in a 25 square mile area in Hood River County. Funding is through a property tax base and local option levy.

The proposed levy would replace the current levy originally approved by voters in 2014. Funds from the levy would enable the District to:

- \*Increase staffing so at least one fully-trained firefighter/EMT is on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Currently, at least one firefighter/EMT is on duty daily 7am to 5pm. During evenings and nights, the District relies on volunteers.
- \*Provide faster response times to emergency calls.
- \*Increase cardiac arrest survival rates.

The replacement levy rate would be \$0.97 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value, an increase of \$0.47 over the current rate.

For a home with an assessed value (not market value) of \$218,000, the estimated average for residential property in the District, the cost would be about \$211 per year, an increase of \$102 per year over the current levy.

The requested rate would raise approximately...

\$712,249 in 2025-2026

\$733,616 in 2026-2027

\$755,625 in 2027-2028

\$778,294 in 2028-2029

\$801,643 in 2029-2030

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 estimate and may reflect the impact of early payment discounts, compression and the collection rate.

**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.

Chris Nickelsen  
Chris Nickelsen (Mar 11, 2024 09:39 PDT)

Signature

3/6/2024

Date Signed