

**FULL TEXT OF BALLOT TITLES—MAY 21ST, 2024—PRIMARY ELECTION  
HOOD RIVER COUNTY • STATE OF OREGON**

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**HOOD RIVER VALLEY PARKS  
AND RECREATION DISTRICT**

**14-77 Five-Year Operating Levy for  
Park and Recreation Services**

**Question:** Shall the District impose \$0.43 per \$1,000 of assessed value for five years for operations starting in 2024-2025?

This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

**Summary:** If this levy is approved, Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation District will use funds to support recreation programming, park services, and facilities in the following ways:

- Supporting annual operating costs for new and existing services and facilities, including increased costs associated with providing a new pool with community center and recreation space.
- Restoring natural areas and maintaining expanded parks and trails.
- Providing recreation opportunities, such as youth day camps, youth and adult sports, fitness, enrichment classes, life-saving swim lessons, teen and senior focused programs, and volunteer opportunities.
- Reducing barriers to access by offering outreach to diverse populations and scholarships to eligible individuals and families.

The measure would provide for a local option operating levy at a rate not to exceed \$0.43 cents per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value within the District for five years, beginning July 1, 2024. The proposed rate will raise approximately \$1,186,560 in 2024-25; \$1,222,198 in 2025-26; \$1,258,864 in 2026-27; \$1,296,629 in 2027-28; and \$1,335,528 in 2028-29 for a total of \$6,299,818.

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

**HOOD RIVER VALLEY PARKS  
AND RECREATION DISTRICT**

**14-78 Bonds to Replace Aquatic  
Center; Fund Parks and Trails**

**Question:** Shall the District issue bonds not to exceed \$72,250,000 to provide parks, trails, and a community center with new pool?

If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**Summary:** If this measure is approved, Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation District will use bond proceeds for capital costs related to:

- Design and construction of a new pool with a community center and recreation space.
- Development of Westside Park with fields, play area, trails, and natural area.
- Acquiring and preserving park land including the purchase of Parkdale Park.
- Making local trail improvements and connections.
- Park improvements and natural area restoration, including parks maintenance shop.
- Site improvements, demolition, furnishing and equipment, and bond issuance costs.

The District would establish a citizen oversight committee to ensure proceeds are used for purposes indicated.

Bonds would mature in not to exceed 25 years from issuance and may be issued in series. The estimated annual average tax rate is approximately \$1.27 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. The actual levy rate may differ due to final interest rates and changes in assessed value.

**WEST SIDE RURAL FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**14-79 Local Option Levy to Improve  
Fire and Emergency Medical  
Services.**

**Question:** 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:** 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

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