

MEASURE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Required for all Measures Submitted with Multnomah County Elections

ELECTION DATE May 18, 2010	MEASURE NUMBER 26-106	
BALLOT TITLE CAPTION CONTINUATION OF FIVE-YEAR LOCAL OPTION LEVY FOR GENERAL OPERATING PURPOSES		
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The continuing mission of the Sauvie Island Volunteer Rural Fire Protection District 30J is to provide medical assistance, and fire protection service to the residents of Sauvie Island and to provide mutual aid assistance, per our contracts, with Scappoose Fire Department and the Portland Fire Bureau. This mission requires passage of a five year Local Option Levy for general operating purposes

Many factors contribute to the departments continued increase in cost of operations. Basic resources such as electricity, fuel, and natural gas prices have increased dramatically. OSHA has instituted institutional testing and physical wellness monitoring for all fire fighters, and the cost of these mandatory services rise each year. Maintenance of our hard goods, equipment and basic fire protection gear continue to be high cost items (examples: one set of turnouts for one firefighter costing from 1500.-2000., one fire engine base cost 250,000.) Additionally equipment needs to be replaced as it becomes dramatically outdated, falls below Federal Standard or becomes unsafe.

The above reflect only a small selection of the costs and reasons for the Local Option Levy. Detailed explanations of any of the above costs and a review of the Districts Budgets is available to residents of the district by mail, e-mail or at public meetings and Department board meetings.

Without the passing of this levy the district faces the elimination of part of it's services, or the ceasing of operations altogether.

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