

Notice of District Measure Election

26-162

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District and Notice Information

Notice is hereby given on August 26, 2014, that a measure election will be held in Sauvie Island Fire District
located in Multnomah and Columbia County, Oregon on November 4, 2014.
Name of District
Name of County or Counties Date of Election

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

Caption 10 words

Reduced five-year local option levy for general operating expenditures

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Question 20 words

Shall Sauvie Island Fire District impose reduced five-year \$0.35 per \$1,000 assessed value for general operations beginning 2015-2016? This measure renews current local option taxes.

Summary 175 words

Sauvie Island Fire District (Multnomah County Rural Fire Protection District #30J) is proposing a renewal of their existing local option levy that will support the needs for general operations and expenditures. This renewal is a 25% reduction from \$0.4600/\$1,000 assessed valuation to \$0.3500/\$1,000 assessed valuation. Through efficient fiscal stewardship, the District has been able to reduce expenditures while maintaining a reserve capital replacement fund for future purchases and can request the lowered amount while providing the same or higher level of response to the community. The District anticipates the expenditure of these funds to include, but not limited to, required annual medical/health testing for all responders, required Federal/OSHA testing and firefighters use of equipment, physical testing of responders' abilities/capabilities, annual servicing and safety inspections of vehicles and equipment to include funds for capital replacement, continuing education for volunteer responder training and certification, and continued contribution to the capital reserve fund. Without this additional revenue, personnel health programs, training, vehicle replacement, and maintenance schedules will need be reduced.

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. The proposed rate will raise approximately \$48,750 in FY2015/2016, \$49,725 in FY2016/2017, \$50,720 in FY2017/2018, \$51,734 in FY2018/2019 and \$52,769 in FY2019/2020, for a total of \$253,698.

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

Signature redacted

08/28/2014

Signature of Authorized District Official not required to be notarized

Date Signed mm/dd/yy

Norvin Collins

Fire Chief

Printed Name of Authorized District Official

Title

Measure Explanatory Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet

Important! Please read all instructions before completing this form. This form is to be used when filing a 'Measure Explanatory Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet' with your County Elections office. If a local government is located in more than one county, the county clerk of the county in which the city hall of the city or the administrative office of the local government is located shall be the filing officer for the 'Measure Explanatory Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet'.

Filing Information

Election: Primary 20____ General 20 14 Special _____ Measure # 26-162

Ballot Title Caption

Reduced five-year local option levy for general operating expenditures

Name of Person responsible for content of 'Explanatory Statement' (as it should appear in the Voters Pamphlet):

Norvin Collins, Fire Chief

Name of Jurisdiction/Organization Person is authorized to represent (as it should appear in the Voters Pamphlet):

Sauvie Island Fire District (Multnomah County Rural Fire Protection District #30J)

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08/27/2014

Signature of person responsible for content of 'Explanatory Statement'

Date

MEASURE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

See attached for 'Measure Explanatory Statement' (500 word/number MAX).

For Office Use only:

County: Multnomah

Signed? Yes No

'Measure Explanatory Statement' attached?

Yes No

Intake Staff Initials: W

Word Count (500 max):

Digital copy? Yes No

Review Staff Initials:

BALLOT TITLE:

Reduced five-year local option levy for general operating expenditures

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The continuing mission of the Sauvie Island Fire District (Multnomah County Rural Fire Protection District #30J) is to provide All Hazard emergency response services to all the residents and visitors of Sauvie Island, including fire, medical, and other hazards/risks. Additionally, the District continues to provide mutual aid assistance, per Inter-Governmental Agreements, to Scappoose Fire Department and Portland Fire & Rescue. This mission necessitates the renewal of the current five-year Local Option Levy for general operations. Over the past 5 years, the District has managed the funds provided through the current levy with the best interests of the citizens in mind. Furthermore, the District's Board of Directors believes the efficiencies developed affords the opportunity to reduce the amount needed to balance the budget from this local option levy by 25%, which amounts to approximately a \$16,250 reduction in the first year of the levy from \$0.46/\$1,000 to \$0.35/\$1,000.

Many factors contribute to the District's continued cost of operations. Basic resources such as electricity, fuel, and natural gas prices have increased as a basic cost. OSHA is requiring institutional testing and physical wellness monitoring for all firefighters and the cost of these mandatory services rise each year. Maintenance of hard goods, equipment, and fire protection gear continue to be high cost items (i.e. one set of protective firefighting turnouts for one responder costing approximately \$2300). Additionally, equipment needs replacing as it becomes outdated, not functional even with current preventative or corrective maintenance services, falls below Federal or national standards, or becomes unsafe.

The above reflect only a small selection of the expenditures and reasons for the continuation of the Local Option Levy. Detailed explanations of any of the above costs or a review of the District's Budget are available to residents by contacting the District directly or by attending public meetings such as District board meetings.

Without the passing of this levy, the District faces the reduction or elimination of personnel health programs, vehicle maintenance/replacement, protective gear purchase/replacement, and/or response services.