

Measure 26-264

Notice of Measure Election

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District

Notice

Date of Notice 3/18/26	Name of District Burlington Water District	Name of County or Counties Multnomah	Date of Election 5/19/26
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Final Ballot Title The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to district voters. The ballot title notice was published and the ballot title challenge process is complete.

Caption 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure.

See attached

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

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

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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 written 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.

Name Richard T. Lovett	Title Board Chairman
Mailing Address P.O. Box 1827, Fairview OR 97024	Contact Phone 503 936 3325

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.

Signature

3/18/26

Date Signed

Five-Year Local Option Tax for Fire & Ambulance Operations

Question: Shall the District create a new five-year levy of \$1.70 per \$1000 of assessed value for five years beginning 2026-2027?

This measure creates new local option taxes which may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

Summary: The taxes will be used to meet the expenses Burlington Water District pays to the City of Portland Fire Department for emergency services (Fire and Ambulance) and to maintain a contingency fund for the future increased expenses.

An estimate of the total amount to be raised each fiscal year is:

\$81,961 in 2026-2027
\$84,420 in 2027-2028
\$86,953 in 2028-2029
\$89,561 in 2029-2030
\$92,248 in 2030-2031

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. A property with an assessed value of \$166,000.00, the average assessed value for the district, will pay an estimated \$24 per month in additional property taxes.

Burlington Water District (the District), a municipal corporation, provides water and emergency services to approximately 400 people in the Burlington area of Multnomah County. The District currently contracts with the City of Portland for emergency services (fire and ambulance) for its residents and properties. Those emergency services are paid for with tax revenues from properties within Burlington Water District boundaries.

In this election the District asks you to approve an additional tax levy of \$1.70 per \$1,000 of assessed value to cover rising costs for emergency services. Costs from the City of Portland Fire Bureau have risen 10% per year over the past four years, nearly double the average growth in property taxes. Current property tax revenue can no longer cover the costs of emergency services and the District has no other funding source to pay for those services.

This levy request has no impact on the District's core function of providing water, or on District water rates.

Approving the levy would supplement the existing \$3.4269 permanent rate and would raise an estimated average of \$87,029 annually for five years. The average assessed value for a property in our taxing district is \$166,000. For such an average property, the current monthly cost for emergency services is \$47. The requested local levy option would add \$24 per month for an average total cost of \$71 per month.

These taxes are collected by Multnomah County and can only be used to pay for emergency services.