

**Notice of Measure Election  
District**

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Date of Notice 1/4/2018	Name of District Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue	Name of County or Counties Washington, Clackamas, Multnomah	Date of Election March 13, 2018

**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.

Annexation of Newberg Rural Fire Protection District Territory by TVF&R (10 words)

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

Shall TVF&R annex all territory within Newberg Rural Fire Protection District (Newberg Rural) upon Newberg Rural's dissolution? (17 words)

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

Since July 1, 2016, Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue District (TVF&R) has provided fire protection, emergency medical, and ambulance transport services to Newberg Rural Fire Protection District (Newberg Rural) under contract. In July 2017, Newberg Rural's board of directors decided that dissolution of the Newberg Rural Fire Protection District and annexation to TVF&R would provide the most stable solution for long-term service to the area. Voters residing within the Newberg Rural territory voted on the questions of dissolution of their district and annexation to TVF&R in Yamhill County measures 36-187 and 36-188, respectively, on November 8, 2017. The outcome was 62.28% in favor of dissolution and 62.99% in favor of annexation to TVF&R. This measure seeks approval of the annexation from voters residing in TVF&R's existing service area.

Once annexed, Newberg Rural's residents will pay the same tax rate as existing TVF&R patrons. They will also become eligible to vote for TVF&R directors and on any future TVF&R property tax proposals. This measure will not increase taxes paid by existing TVF&R patrons. (172 words)

**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.

  
Signature

January 4, 2018  
Date Signed

## **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT (500 words maximum)**

Approval of this measure would annex all the territory within Newberg Rural Fire Protection District (Newberg Rural) by Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue.

For decades, Newberg Rural had an agreement with the City of Newberg for the provision of fire and emergency medical services. The City of Newberg approached TVF&R for contract services in 2016 due to funding limitations that made it difficult to sustain adequate staffing, maintain equipment, and comply with national standards given increased service demands. When the City of Newberg began contracting with TVF&R, services were extended to Newberg Rural to honor the historic arrangement.

After hiring an independent consultant to research options for Newberg Rural's future, the Newberg Rural board of directors decided that dissolution of the district and annexation to TVF&R would provide the most stable solution for long-term service to the area. Voters residing within the Newberg Rural territory voted on the questions of dissolution of their district and annexation to TVF&R in Yamhill County measures 36-187 and 36-188, respectively, on November 8, 2017. The outcome of that election was 62.28% in favor of dissolution and 62.99% in favor of annexation to TVF&R.

If TVF&R voters also approve annexation of the territory within Newberg Rural, Newberg Rural residents will pay the same rate as current TVF&R residents beginning July 1, 2018. They will also become eligible to vote for TVF&R directors and on any TVF&R property tax proposals. TVF&R's combined tax rate is \$2.0799 per \$1000 assessed valuation, which includes a permanent tax rate of \$1.5252, a local option levy of \$0.45 (expiring in 2020), and a bond levy of \$0.1047.

Approval of this Measure will not increase taxes for TVF&R residents and could possibly decrease the rate paid on bonded debt. TVF&R will also receive all fire and emergency response assets, such as fire vehicles and cash assets, from Newberg Rural. TVF&R will reinvest proceeds from Newberg Rural's cash assets into future infrastructure that will serve the Newberg Rural area.

TVF&R's history is based on similar voluntary and mutually beneficial annexations. TVF&R took shape between 1972 and 2016, as a number of city fire departments and rural districts consolidated to share limited resources and save money. TVF&R achieves cost savings through economies of scale such as buying trucks and equipment in bulk, reducing administrative overhead, and leveraging a system of response to strategically locate stations, resources, and personnel.

A "yes" vote approves annexation. A "no" vote rejects annexation. (405 words)