

# Notice of Measure Election

## SEL 803

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250.041, 255.145, 255.345

### District

#### Notice

<b>Date of Notice</b> February 7, 2024	<b>Name of District</b> Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue	<b>Name of County or Counties</b> Washington	<b>Date of Election</b> May 21, 2024
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**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.

LOCAL OPTION LEVY FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

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

Shall TVF&R levy \$0.69 per \$1,000 assessed value for five years, beginning Fiscal Year 2025-2026?

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

See attached.

**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

February 7, 2024

Date Signed

# Ballot Measure Language for TVF&R Local Option Levy, May 2024 Election

**Date:** February 7, 2024

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**Prepared for:** Washington County Elections Division for SEL 803

<p><b>CAPTION:</b> (10-word limit)</p>	<p><b>LOCAL OPTION LEVY FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES</b> (9 words)</p>
<p><b>QUESTION:</b> (20-word limit)</p>	<p>Shall TVF&amp;R levy \$0.69 per \$1,000 assessed value for five years, beginning Fiscal Year 2025-2026? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent. (15 words) <i>Last sentence does not count toward word limit per ORS 280.070(4)(a).</i></p>
<p><b>SUMMARY:</b> (175-word limit)</p>	<p>Tualatin Valley Fire &amp; Rescue is seeking a levy for \$0.69 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Levies must be approved by voters and are limited to a maximum duration of five years. For a property assessed at \$305,000, the average in TVF&amp;R's service area, the levy would cost approximately \$17.54 a month.</p> <p>If the levy does not pass, funding for at least 92 of 450 firefighters and paramedics would be lost and staffing reductions would be required.</p> <p>If passed, levy funds will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retain existing first responders and add 36 more.</li> <li>• Improve service levels as emergency incidents are projected to increase over the next five years.</li> <li>• Ensure prompt response times and reliability when multiple emergencies happen at the same time.</li> <li>• Purchase specialized medical equipment such as cardiac monitors and defibrillators as well as critical firefighting tools including thermal imagers that aid in search and rescue and breathing apparatus worn by firefighters in burning buildings.</li> <li>• Purchase vehicles used to fight wildfires, shuttle water, and transport patients.</li> <li>• Add personnel who train and equip first responders.</li> </ul> <p>An estimate of the revenue raised for each year of the proposed levy is:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">FY 2025-2026: \$ 54,032,329 FY 2026-2027: \$ 56,354,401 FY 2027-2028: \$ 58,776,263 FY 2028-2029: \$ 61,302,205 FY 2029-2030: \$ 63,936,696</p> <p>The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessors at the time of estimate and may reflect the impact of early payment discounts, compression, and the collection rate.</p> <p>(172 words) <i>Last statement does not count toward word limit per ORS 280.075(1). Estimated revenue required pursuant to ORS 280.075(2). These words do not count towards the 175-word limit. ORS 280.075(3).</i></p>

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT:**  
(500-word limit)

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R) provides fire suppression, emergency medical care, technical rescue, water rescue, hazardous material response, fire prevention, and risk reduction services to the cities of Beaverton, Durham, King City, Newberg, North Plains, Rivergrove, Sherwood, Tigard, Tualatin, West Linn, and Wilsonville, as well as unincorporated portions of Washington, Clackamas, Yamhill, and Multnomah counties.

**What is the history behind this proposal?**

TVF&R has had operating levies in place since 2000 to supplement its permanent tax rate which was frozen in 1997 due to Ballot Measure 50. Levies have primarily funded first responders. State law requires voter approval of levies, which are limited to a maximum duration of five years

**What does this measure call for?**

This measure proposes a five-year operating levy with a rate of \$0.69 per \$1,000 of assessed value. If the levy passes, collections would begin in July 2025.

**What would the levy pay for?**

If the levy passes, TVF&R will retain 92 existing levy-funded firefighters and paramedics, hire 36 more, and add support personnel who train and equip first responders to provide reliable service amidst rising emergency incidents and wildfire risk. Proceeds will also be used to purchase specialized medical equipment such as cardiac monitors and defibrillators, critical firefighting tools, including thermal imagers that aid in search and rescue and self-contained breathing apparatus worn by firefighters in burning buildings, and vehicles used to fight wildfires, shuttle water, and transport patients.

**How much will the levy cost?**

For a property assessed at \$305,000, about the average in TVF&R's service area, the cost of the levy would be approximately \$210 per year or \$17.54 per month.

**What happens if the levy does not pass?**

If the levy does not pass, reductions in staffing and operations will be required, which may impact response times and reliability.

**What has TVF&R done with the levy funds voters approved in 2019?**

- Hired or retained 92 levy-funded firefighters and paramedics
- Acquired fire hose, breathing apparatus, heart monitors, and medical kits

**Will property tax bills increase if this measure is approved?**

Yes, this measure may cause property taxes to increase by more than three percent. TVF&R intends to maintain the same levy rate for 10 years.

**If passed, when would this levy first be collected?**

The levy will appear on the November 2025 property tax statement.

**What will the total tax rate for TVF&R be if the levy passes?**

The total tax rate for TVF&R would be \$2.3527 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

\$1.5252/\$1,000	Permanent rate
<b>\$0.69/\$1,000</b>	<b>Levy being voted on</b>
\$0.1337/\$1,000	Bonded debt

(421 words)