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Dear Voter:

For your convenience, we have included this Voters' Pamphlet with helpful information on the November 5, 2013 Special Election. Please see the back page for the ballot title and explanatory statement for Measure #26-155, Five Year Local Option Levy for Riverdale Fire District 11JT. No arguments for or against this measure were filed with Multnomah County.

If you have any questions you can contact our office at: 503-988-3720.

Sincerely,

Tim Scott, Director of Elections  
Multnomah County, Oregon

#### Official Drop Sites

**24-hour Official Ballot Drop Boxes** – secure outdoor sites may be accessed 24-hours a day, but will be locked at 8 pm on Election Day.

- **Multnomah County Elections Division** - 1040 SE Morrison St, Portland – two 24-hour boxes with different locations (one on SE 11<sup>th</sup> Ave between Morrison & Belmont and one on SE Belmont between 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>).

**Other Official Drop Site** – Nearby official drop site in Clackamas County

- **Lake Oswego Library** (Clackamas County) – 706 4<sup>th</sup> St, Lake Oswego  
Mon – Thur 10 am – 9 pm; Fri – Sat 10 am – 6 pm Sun 1 pm 6 pm.

#### Tips for voting

- Read the ballot, envelope and voters' pamphlet carefully
- To ensure your vote counts, completely fill in the oval to the left of the response of your choice.
- Please use a black or blue ink pen.
- If you make a mistake or change your mind while marking your ballot, you may request a replacement ballot from the Elections Office or you may make your changes on the ballot, but it is critical that you make your choice obvious because election workers will inspect each ballot to make sure voter intent is understood and the ballot is counted correctly. Make your intent clear.
- Do not put multiple ballots in one envelope
- The secrecy envelope is not required. If you forget to enclose the secrecy envelope your ballot will still count.
- **Don't forget to sign your return envelope. Your ballot will not count if you do not sign the return envelope.**
- If you accidentally sign another member of your households return envelope just cross off your signature and sign the correct one. The other member can then sign their envelope and vote.
- If you have a disability or are otherwise unable to mark your ballot you may contact the Elections Division for assistance. Phone 503-988-3720 / Oregon Relay Service 1-800-735-2900.
- Lost or damaged ballot? Questions? Call 503-988-3720.

# RIVERDALE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 11JT

## Measure 26-155

### BALLOT TITLE

#### Five Year Local Option Levy for Riverdale Fire District 11JT

**Question:** Shall the District extend and increase a special operating levy to \$.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value for 5 years, beginning 2014. This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

**Summary:** This measure continues and increases local 5 year option adopted November 5, 2002. This measure authorizes the Board of Directors to levy taxes needed for the annual cost of emergency services provided to Riverdale residents. The District presently operates with the aid of a 5 year local option tax which expires June 30, 2014. This measure increases the local option tax from \$.043 under the current levy to \$.050 per \$1,000 for 5 years beginning 2014-2019.

The estimated local option taxes over 5 years are:

2014-2015: \$309,343;  
2015-2016: \$317,077;  
2016-2017: \$325,004;  
2017-2018: \$333,129;  
2018-2019: \$341,547.

If the maximum levy is assessed, the estimated total tax raised over 5 years would be \$1,626,100.

The Board of Directors intends to levy taxes each year only in an amount that meets the District's needs for emergency services. The amount assessed under the prior levies was \$.43 per \$1,000 for 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 and \$.35 per \$1,000 for 2006-2007, 2007-2008 and 2008-2009, -0- for 2009-2010, .017 for 2011-2012, and .017 for 2012-2013.

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This measure proposes adding a levy of \$.50 (50 cents) per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to the current \$1.2361 permanent levy bringing the total rate to \$1.7361 for the 5 year period. The Board of Directors is of the opinion that a rate of \$.50 per \$1,000 will be necessary to provide emergency fire and medical services by contracting with an adjacent city or fire district. The District presently contracts with the City of Lake Oswego for these services.

The permanent tax rate of \$1.2361 per \$1,000 established by Measure 50 was a substantial reduction of the previous tax rate. The District previously had a local option levy at \$0.43 (43 cents) per \$1,000 for the past 10 years. The increase is requested to insure that sufficient funds are available to meet projected increases in expenses. The District has not always levied the maximum amount permissible. The amount previously levied for each of the past 5 years ranged from \$.17 to \$.35 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The increased levy will provide flexibility, if needed, to meet increased costs of contracting for service to the district.

Submitted by  
Board of Directors  
Riverdale Rural Fire Protection District  
11JT

**No arguments FOR or AGAINST this measure were filed.**