

## VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

To be eligible to vote in the November 7, 2023, Special Election, a completed voter registration card must be on file with the Marion County Clerk by no later than 5:00 pm, October 17, 2023.

### YOU MAY REGISTER TO VOTE IF:

- You are a citizen of the United States
- You are at least 16 years of age (you may vote if you will be 18 years of age or older on election day)
- You are a resident of Oregon

### YOU MUST RE-REGISTER TO VOTE IF:

- Your residence or mailing address changes
- Your name changes
- You wish to change party affiliation

## VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

When you receive your ballot packet in the mail, immediately examine it to make certain it is complete. It should contain the following items:

- A printed ballot on which you may vote
- A secrecy sleeve with instructions printed on it
- A pre-addressed ballot return envelope in which to return your ballot

If any items are missing, contact the Marion County Clerk's Office at 503.588.5041, and a replacement ballot packet will be sent to you.

### VOTING & CORRECTING YOUR BALLOT

If you make an error on your ballot, spoil it in any way, or lose it, you may obtain a replacement ballot by contacting the Marion County Clerk's Office at 503.588.5041.

### RETURNING YOUR VOTED BALLOT

- Follow the instructions on the secrecy sleeve
- Fold your ballot along the pre-scored folds and insert it into the optional secrecy sleeve (if desired)
- Insert ballot (or ballot and secrecy sleeve) into the ballot return envelope
- SEAL the ballot return envelope and SIGN the statement on the back of the envelope
- Mail or place the return envelope in an Official Ballot Drop Box

**Your ballot will not be counted if your ballot return envelope is not signed.**

## How to cast your vote...

### 1 Complete your ballot

To vote, completely fill in the box next to your choice.



### 2 Check for errors

- You do not have to vote on all contests. Those you do vote on will still count.
- If you vote for more options than are allowed, your vote **will not count** for that contest.
- If you think you made a mistake, call the Marion County Elections Office.

### 3 Using the optional "Secrecy" sleeve

If you use the optional "Secrecy" sleeve, put only your voted ballot inside. Then, put only your "Secrecy" sleeve inside your return envelope.



**You are not required to use the "Secrecy" sleeve.**

### 4 Sign your return envelope

You must sign your return envelope or **your vote will not count.**

We verify every signature on every envelope against the voter files.



### 5 Return your ballot

- By mail
- At any official drop site (*see list on this flyer*)
- At the Clerk's/Elections Office

## Official Marion County Ballot Drop Sites

The Marion County drop sites listed below will be open beginning October 18<sup>th</sup>.

On Election Day, November 7<sup>th</sup>, drop sites will remain open until 8:00 pm.

You DO NOT need to apply postage if you use an Official Marion County Drop Box or mail within the United States.

**Donald City Hall**  
10710 Main St NE, Donald

**Walk-up Drop Box**  
24 Hours

**Jefferson City Hall/Library**  
150 N 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Jefferson

**Curbside Drop Box**  
24 Hours

**Keizer City Hall**  
930 Chemawa Rd NE, Keizer

**Curbside Drop Box**  
24 Hours

**Marion County Clerk**  
555 Court St NE, Ste 2130, Salem

**Indoor Drop Box**  
Mon - Fri 8:30 am - 5 pm  
Election Day 7 am - 8 pm

**Marion County Health**  
3180 Center St NE, Salem

**Curbside Drop Box**  
24 Hours

**Marion County Public Works**  
5155 Silverton Rd NE, Salem

**Curbside Drop Box**  
Mon - Fri 8 am - 5 pm  
Election Day 8 am - 8 pm

**Mill City - City Hall**  
444 S 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, Mill City

**Indoor Drop Box**  
Mon - Fri 8 am - 4 pm  
Election Day 8 am - 8 pm

**Roth's Fresh Market - Hayesville**  
4746 Portland Rd NE, Salem

**Indoor Drop Box**  
Daily 6 am - 9 pm  
Election Day 6 am - 8 pm

**Roth's Fresh Market - Sunnyslope**  
4555 Liberty Rd S, Salem

**Indoor Drop Box**  
Daily 6 am - 9 pm  
Election Day 6 am - 8 pm

**Roth's Fresh Market - Vista**  
3045 Commercial St SE, Salem

**Indoor Drop Box**  
Daily 6 am - 9 pm  
Election Day 6 am - 8 pm

**Silverton - Lewis St. Parking Lot**  
208 Lewis St & S 1<sup>st</sup> St, Silverton

**Curbside Drop Box**  
24 Hours

## Jefferson Rural Fire Protection District

County of Marion

### VOTERS' PAMPHLET



## November 7, 2023 Special Election

Selected portions of this county voters' pamphlet are available in Simplified Chinese, Korean, Marshallese, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese. These translations can be found online at [oregonvotes.gov/MarionVP](http://oregonvotes.gov/MarionVP)

Voted ballots for this election must be received in an Elections Office or an Official Oregon Ballot Drop Site by 8:00 pm, November 7, 2023, or Postmarked by November 7, 2023, and received by November 14, 2023.

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**Measure No. 24-487**  
**Jefferson Rural Fire Protection District**

**Five-Year Local Option Tax Levy for Operations**

**Question:** Shall the District impose \$0.81 per \$1,000 of assessed value for general operations for five years beginning in 2024-2025? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

**Summary:** Jefferson Rural Fire Protection District provides ambulance and fire response within an 87 square mile area in Marion and Linn Counties. The elected Board of Directors conducted a review of the facilities, apparatus, and staffing to identify District needs.

If adopted the District would use tax revenue to replace a 2004 ambulance, add emergency personnel for 24-hour coverage, and cover increased operating costs.

The Board is asking the voters to approve a \$0.81 per thousand tax levy for the next five years beginning July 1, 2024, and expiring June 30, 2029.

Homeowners with an assessed property valuation of \$200,000.00 would pay \$162.00 in property taxes.

The measure would raise approximately \$677,017.00 in 2024-25, \$690,557.00 in 2025-26, \$704,368.00 in 2026-27, \$718,456.00 in 2027-28 and \$732,825.00 in 2028-29, for a total of \$3,523,223.

**NO ARGUMENTS WERE  
FILED IN OPPOSITION  
TO THIS MEASURE**

**Measure No. 24-487**  
**Jefferson Rural Fire Protection District**

**Explanatory Statement:**

Jefferson Rural Fire Protection District provides ambulance, EMS and fire response within an 87 square mile area in Marion and Linn Counties with fire stations in Jefferson, Millersburg, and Talbot. Jefferson Fire District has seen an increase in services used over the last several years. In 2019 voters passed a five-year local option tax levy to cover the increase in cost, but the Local Option Levy expires June 30, 2024.

The Board conducted a review of the facilities, apparatus, and staffing to identify the immediate and long-term needs of the Fire District. It was determined that replacing the aging facilities and equipment would require 14.5 million dollars. The Board of Directors has started addressing these needs of the Fire District but realizes it can't be done all at once. A five-year local option tax provides the most flexibility to address facility maintenance, operational costs, apparatus and staffing needs. In 2019 the voters passed a five-year local option tax and replaced an Ambulance, purchased one new tender to replace two 1982 tenders, increased facility and apparatus maintenance, and made improvements to the part-time staffing. The current five-year local option tax expires June 30, 2024. The Board of Directors wants to continue addressing the needs of the Fire District. Operational costs have increased over the last five years and so have our calls for service.

If adopted the Fire District would use tax revenue to replace a 2004 Ambulance, add additional Firefighter/Paramedics to ensure 24-hour coverage and to help staff the second Ambulance as needed. We will continue to maintain apparatus readiness, facility maintenance, cover the increase in operational costs, and plan for the future of Jefferson Fire District.

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**(Explanatory Statement continued:)**

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Homeowners with a tax assessed property valuation of \$200,000.00 would pay \$162.00 in property taxes.

Information Submitted by:

Levi Eckhardt

Fire Chief

Jefferson Rural Fire Protection District

**Measure No. 24-487**  
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**Argument in Support:**

I support the passage of Measure 24-487, Jefferson Rural Fire Protection District Five-year Local Option Tax for Operations. On July 1, 2017, I was hired by Special Districts of Oregon as Interim Fire Chief after Chief Zeilman's retirement. However, in September 2017, the fire district was informed the City of Millersburg was withdrawing from the fire district causing an annual loss of \$250,000.00 in revenue effective July 1, 2018. A few years later the Ambulance Service Area for the City of Millersburg transitioned from Jefferson Rural Fire Protection District to Albany Fire Department causing another \$50,000.00 annual loss in revenue. The Board of directors went through several meetings on how to adjust the budget and continue services. In the fiscal Year 2018-19 budget there were several budget items reduced or eliminated to compensate for the revenue loss. The Jefferson Rural Fire Protection District has always been fiscally conservative, and it was a difficult decision to ask the voters in 2019 to pass a Five-year Local Option Tax for Operations. That Five-year Local Option Tax ends June 30 but the expenses of the fire district do not. Demands for service keep going, costs keep going up and volunteerism is declining nationwide. The JRFPD Board of Directors was once again faced with the difficult decision to ask the voters for another Five-year Local Option Tax for Operations. The goal is to increase full-time staffing and utilize cross-staffing methods to increase the availability of the second ambulance and augment fire apparatus if needed. During community meetings in 2018, the consensus was the need to maintain the ambulance service in the fire district. Money from the measure will also be used to replace the 2004 ambulance and provide funding for facility and apparatus maintenance. In the last five years, the fire district budget addressed needs, not wants. Now Jefferson Rural Fire Protection District NEEDS your support to pass Measure 24-487.

Kevin Hendricks

Fire Chief Retired

*(This information furnished by Anthony S. Carter on behalf of Friends of Jefferson Fire District)*

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