



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board Session Agenda Review Form

Meeting date: June 24, 2026

Department: Legal Counsel

Title: Consider Order to approve Petition and proposed boundaries and schedule 2nd Public Hearing

Management Update/Work Session Date: Audio/Visual aids

Time Required: 0 mins Contact: Andrew Mittendorf Phone: (503) 822-5220

Requested Action: Move to approve the Petition for formation submitted by the fire districts pursuant only to the criteria set forth in ORS 198.805, set forth the name of the proposed new district as the "Mt. Angel-Monitor Fire District," approve the boundaries of the new district as proposed, and schedule a 2nd public hearing with date and time to be determined.

Issue, Description & Background: Mt. Angel Fire District and Monitor Fire District seek to individually dissolve and reform as a joint Mt. Angel-Monitor Fire District and establish a new permanent tax rate. They have submitted enough signatures on a Petition to the Marion County Clerk, and the Clerk has verified the signatures. Now, pursuant to ORS 198, the Board must hold two public hearings to consider whether to sign two orders to move the Petition to the voters during the November 2026 election. Following this first public hearing, the Board will need to decide whether to issue an order pursuant to ORS 198.810.

Financial Impacts: Minimal

Impacts to Department & External Agencies: Impacts to Mt. Angel Fire District and Monitor Fire District described above

List of attachments: Proposed Board Order

Presenter: Andrew Mittendorf

Department Head Signature: Steve Elzinga Digitally signed by Steve Elzinga Date: 2026.06.10 11:25:13 -07'00'

G. The proposed formation is subject to the following proposed terms and conditions:

- Formation of the New District is subject to the public hearing process with the County Board specified in ORS 198.800, et seq.
- Formation of the New District is subject to the voter approval, with the questions presented at the November 3, 2026, general election.
- Formation of the New District is subject to the concurrent voter approval of the dissolution of both the existing Mt. Angel Fire District and dissolution of the existing Monitor Fire District.
- Effective Date: The order forming New District will take effect on January 1, 2027.
- Employees: Subject to the provisions of ORS 236.605 to 236.640, the employees of the Mt. Angel and/or Monitor Fire Districts shall be transferred to the New District.
- Asset Transfer: All real and personal property and other assets of the Mt. Angel Fire District and/or the Monitor Fire District will be transferred to and become the property of the New District.
- Debt Distribution: The New District will assume all fire protection related debt obligations of the Mt. Angel Fire District and/or the Monitor Fire District. No other long-term debt obligations will be assumed by the New District.
- The petitioners have proposed a permanent tax rate for operating taxes sufficient to support the services and functions described in the Economic Feasibility Statement for the proposed New District is \$1.97 per one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of assessed valuation.

H. On June 24, 2026, the Board conducted a public hearing on formation of a new fire district under ORS 198.805 after proper notice by publication and posting. After public testimony was concluded, the Board considered the criteria in ORS 199.462 to determine if the area could be benefitted by formation of the district. After deliberation, the Board determined the petition met the requirements of ORS 198.805 and the criteria in ORS 199.462, subject to voter approval.

I. Based on the results of the June 24, 2026, hearing, the Board finds it appropriate to set a second hearing on formation as required by ORS 198.810(2). The second hearing will be held July 29, 2026. At the second hearing, the Board will consider adoption of an order to submit the questions proposed by the petition to the electors.

J. ORS 198.815(1) provides in part that when a “petition for formation includes a permanent rate limit for operating taxes for the proposed district, the board shall provide by order for the holding of an election to submit to the electors the question of forming the district.”

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

1. The above findings are adopted in full and the formation of the Mt. Angel-Monitor Fire District, as initiated by a certified petition, should proceed in the process toward a vote of the people. The proposed New District boundary is intended to include all properties in the currently existing Mt. Angel Fire District and the Monitor Fire District—but no others. The Board recognizes that in addition to formation of the Fire District, the petition seeks voter approval of a new permanent tax rate of \$1.97 per thousand assessed valuation. Voter approval is required before formation of the New District or the New District levying any permanent tax rate.
2. Pursuant to ORS 198.805 and ORS 199.462, the proposed area comprising the proposed District could be benefited by the formation of the District if approved by the voters.
3. A second hearing on formation of the Mt. Angel-Monitor Fire District is set before this Board for _____ on _____, 2026 at _____.
If final approval of the petition is granted after the _____, 2026, hearing, the Board will refer the questions posed by the petition to the electors on the November 2026 ballot.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2026 at Salem, Oregon.

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Chair

Commissioner

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