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## **Notice of Measure Election**

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**District** rev 03/18 ORS 250.035, 250.041, 255.145, 255.345 **Elections Division** Notice **Date of Notice** Name of District Name of County or Counties Date of Election 3-12-2019 Idanha-Detroit Rural Fire Protection District Marion and Linn May 21, 2019 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. Five Year Local Option Levy for Emergency Service Operations Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure. Shall District impose \$0.68 per \$1,000 assessed value for five years beginning in 2019-2020 for general emergency service operations? This measure renews current local option taxes. Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect. The Idanha-Detroit Rural Fire Protection District Board of Directors determined the need to requesting additional funding to provide fire and emergency service operations. The District's tax base is no longer sufficient to fund the ability to provide emergency services. Service provision is hampered by increasing costs and increasing demands for service. The District Board desires to be good stewards of taxpayer money while providing the best possible service for our communities. With existing revenues failing to fund adequate operations, the Board decided to ask the taxpayers to renew the 5 year option levy in order to maintain the proper level of emergency response services. The District is contending with equipment failures due to age. The average age of our response equipment is 29 years old with one of our first out engines being over 48 years old. Replacement of this equipment is imperative, expensive, and this process will take time and money to accomplish. This levy would be a continuation of the levy approved in 2014. No tax increase is required. The proposed rate of \$0.68 would generate approximately \$47,859.00 in 2019-2020, \$49,293.00 in 2021-2022, \$50,771.00 in 2021-2022, \$52,293.00 in 2022-2023, and \$53,861.00 in 2023-2024 for a total of \$254,077.00. 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 **Explanatory Statement Attached?** → any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance. ☐ Yes No Authorized District Official Not required to be notarized. Name Title William Ewing Fire Chief **Mailing Address Contact Phone** PO Box B, Detroit, OR 97342 503-854-3494 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.

3-13-19 Date Signed



## **Idanha-Detroit Rural Fire Protection District**

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Idanha Detroit Rural Fire Protection District

Explanatory statement 2019 Option levy:

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Election date May 21<sup>st</sup> 2019 Ballot title caption: Five Year Local Option Levy for Emergency Service Operations.

This levy option would be a continuation of a levy option that has been place for the past five years and is not an additional tax. This levy would assist with the funding of general operations, district business, as well as bolster the 911 response.

The District regularly seeks other sources of funding such as grants but none of those sources will pay for operations in general. We have been able to purchase some personal protective equipment through the grant process as well as providing for some staffing through a grant. No operational money funded any of these programs. This levy is not designed to pay for staffing.

The Idanha Detroit fire district was established in 1954 when the timber industry was prospering. At the same time Idanha Detroit fire was just responsible for suppression of fire. Today the Idanha Detroit fire does so much more than Fire suppression. Medical response and rescue service are a majority of our mission to citizens of Idanha and Detroit. The demands for service are wide ranging and ever increasing. There is no funding mechanism other than the option levy that will help with sustaining operations.

This option levy is important due to the decline of the timber industry and the increase for service demands. The Board of Directors for the Idanha Detroit Rural Fire Protection District by resolution at the February 14<sup>th</sup> 2019 regular board of directors meeting decided to pursue the renewal of the local option levy.

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR PRINTING IN THE MARION COUNTY VOTER PAMPHLET

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