

Notice of Measure Election District

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Notice			
Date of Notice	Name of District	Name of County or Counties	Date of Election
8/27/2020	St. Paul Rural Fire Protection District	Marion	November 3, 2020

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 to Maintain Fire & Medical Emergency Response

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

Shall the Fire District levy \$0.85 per \$1,000 of assessed value for five years beginning in 2021-2022 for emergency operations? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

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

The St Paul Fire District provides fire, emergency medical, and rescue services to the residents of St Paul and the surrounding area. The fire district currently has 35 volunteers and 12 part-time paramedics.

If adopted, the levy funds would:

- Provide funding for 24/7 paramedic coverage.
- Provide funding to replace obsolete apparatus.
- Provide funding for the required maintenance of existing emergency response equipment and fire apparatus.
- Allow the purchase of firefighter personal protective equipment.
- Provide funding for the purchase of EMS and fire equipment.

Fire district emergency operations are funded through property taxes. The requested rate will raise approximately \$156,269.35 in 2021-2022; \$162,057.16 in 2022-2023; \$168,059.33 in 2023-2024; \$174,283.80 in 2024-2025, and; \$180,738.31 in 2025-2026. The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of estimate and may reflect the impact of early payment discounts, compression and the collection rate.

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.

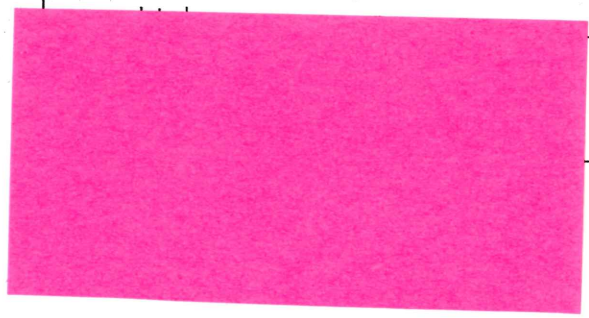
Explanatory Statement Attached? Yes No

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

8-27-2020
Date Signed



St. Paul Rural Fire Protection District
November 2020 Local Option Levy

Explanatory Statement

The St. Paul Fire District is seeking approval of a local option levy in the amount of \$0.85 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

What Services does the District provide?

St. Paul Fire District is the first responder for fire, medical, and rescue emergencies in its service area. The District also provides fire prevention, fire investigations, public education and non-emergency public assistance.

Who does the District serve?

St. Paul Fire District serves an approximate 48 square mile area that includes the City of St. Paul and the surrounding area.

How is the District Funded?

St. Paul Fire District is funded through a permanent property tax base rate of 1.0622 cents per thousand assessed value and ambulance transport fees.

How would levy funds be used?

If approved, the levy funds would:

- **Provide 24/7 Paramedic Coverage** – Currently the District is short 24 hours a week in providing part-time paid paramedic coverage and relies on local volunteer paramedics and volunteer first responders to cover those hours. The levy would provide funds to cover all shifts with paid part-time paramedics.
- **Replace Obsolete Apparatus** – The district has aging apparatus with no current plan for replacement. Levy funds would allow the district to develop a replacement schedule for upgraded equipment with safety features and technological advancements promoting fire fighter and patron safety.
- **Provide Required Fleet Maintenance** – As the District's fleet ages maintenance cost rise and finding available parts for the equipment becomes more challenging. Levy funds will cover the increased costs in the maintenance budget.

- **Purchase Personal Protective Equipment** – Personal Protective Equipment does have an expiration date. A set of turnout gear, that protects a first responder from fire injury, has a 10-year life expectancy. The District currently has several sets of turnouts outside this 10-year life expectancy.
- **Purchase EMS and Fire Equipment** – The District's EMS and fire equipment is also aging and will be in need of future replacement soon. As an example, the District has a Life Pack Defibrillator model 12 which has reached its end of life and is technologically obsolete with no repair option. When this piece of equipment breaks it will force the District, which experiences a high number of motor vehicle crashes resulting in multiple patients, down to one medic available for response. Multiple patients require multiple medic response units, dispatching a second medic unit from a neighboring agency could result in delayed patient care.

What is the cost to the taxpayers?

The median assessed value for residential property in the St. Paul Fire District is \$187,515, the cost for this value would be approximately \$159 per year or about \$13.25 per month.

What if the levy is not approved?

While maintaining emergency response services would remain the top priority for St. Paul Fire District, if the levy is not approved, the fire district will not be able to fully meet the increasing emergency response costs or fund the much-needed equipment updates.

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