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Marion County Clerk

# Notice of Measure Election

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District

Elections Division

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### Notice

Date of Notice	Name of District	Name of County or Counties	Date of Election
February 28, 2024	Jefferson Rural Fire Protection District	Marion, Linn	May 21, 2024

**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 Tax Levy for Operations

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

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

Jefferson Rural Fire Protection District's current local option levy of \$0.38 per \$1,000 of assessed value expires June 30, 2024. This measure replaces the current levy with a new five-year levy at the rate of \$0.81 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The new levy would start July 1, 2024, after the current levy expires.

If adopted, the District would use tax revenue to cover increased operating costs, replace an aging ambulance, add three full-time Paramedic/Firefighters to increase staffing levels to meet the growing demands on District services caused by increasing emergency call volume.

If the levy fails it will cause a budget shortfall for operations, reduce recruitment and retention of volunteers, reduction in staffing capabilities, elimination of water rescue, and the ability to maintain apparatus and facilities.

Homeowners with an assessed property valuation of \$300,000 would pay \$243.00 in property taxes per year or \$20.25 per month.

The measure would raise approximately \$693,135 in 2024-25, \$713,929 in 2025-26, \$735,347 in 2026-27, \$757,359 in 2027-28, and \$780,130 in 2028-29, for a total of \$3,679,900.

**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 completed.

Signature redacted

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Signature

Date Signed