

**NOTICE OF BALLOT TITLE RECEIVED  
NOTICE OF ELECTION**

Notice is hereby given that on February 9, 2024, a request for ballot title was filed by the Jefferson Rural Fire Protection District with the Marion County Clerk for an election to be held on May 21, 2024.

The ballot title submitted by the District is as follows:

**Caption:** 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'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.

Any elector dissatisfied with this ballot title may petition the Circuit Court of Marion County seeking a different ballot title pursuant to ORS 255.155. Petitions must be filed with the court not later than 5:00 p.m., February 21, 2024 (7th business day after receipt of the ballot title), with appropriate notification as required by law to the Marion County Clerk.

Dated this 9th day of February, 2024. William J. Burgess, Marion County Clerk.