



Marion County Voters' Pamphlet Explanatory Statement (MCVP-05)

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Elections Division

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Filing Information:

Measure No. _____ Election Date: May 19th 2026

Explanatory Statement:

The Woodburn Fire District provides fire suppression, emergency medical services, and advanced life support to residents in the District.

Emergency call volume has increased approximately 80 percent since 2015. The Woodburn, Oregon is one of the fastest-growing communities in Oregon, and population growth has contributed to higher demand for fire and emergency medical services.

In May 2024, voters approved a local option tax levy of \$0.35 per \$1,000 of assessed property value, scheduled to expire in June 2029.

The District currently uses funding from the federal Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant (SAFER Grant) to fund eight firefighter positions. This grant expires in February 2028. Without replacement funding, the District would reduce firefighter staffing and would not maintain current emergency response levels. Reduced staffing may increase overlapping emergency calls, which can result in longer response times while units respond from other locations or agencies.

This measure would authorize an additional local option levy of \$0.55 per \$1,000 of assessed property value to fund these eight firefighter positions and maintain current emergency response staffing. The levy replaces temporary federal grant funding. No bond funds would be used; the levy would be funded solely through local property taxes. The levy would be imposed for five years, beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2031.

Total Words: 220

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Authorized Signature:

Title: Fire Chief

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Government Unit: Woodburn Fire Protection District