REGISTRATION INFORMATION

• New registrations needed to be completed and postmarked by October 15, 2013.

If you have questions about registration or voting, contact the Elections Office.

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You can register to vote if you can answer these three questions:

- Are you a resident of Oregon?
- Are you a US citizen?
- Are you at least 17 years of age?

If you are 17 years of age, you will not receive a ballot until an election occurs on or after your 18th birthday.

How to Register:

You can register to vote online at <u>www.oregonvotes.</u> gov or you can get a voter registration card at any of the following places:

- any County Elections Office
- the Secretary of State's Office
- some state agencies such as DMV
- a voter registration drive

You can complete and return the card in person or return the card by US mail.

To vote in the November 5th election, your completed registration card must be:

- postmarked by Tuesday, October 15, 2013 or
- delivered to a county elections office by Tuesday, October 15, 2013 or
- delivered to any voter registration agency (e.g. DMV) by Tuesday, October 15, 2013.

If you register to vote online, your registration must be submitted by 11:59PM, Tuesday, October 15.

What Information is Required?

- Full legal name
- Home address
- Date of birth
- Signature
- Valid ID Driver License or Permit # or SSN

Updating your Voter Registration:

You are responsible for keeping your registration up to date. Complete and return a new card or re-register online if you:

- change your home address
- change your name
- change your mailing address
- change your political party
- change your signature

Do Not Forget to Sign Your Return Ballot Envelope

CHECK YOUR BALLOT

- Make sure you have completely filled in the box next to your choice(s).
- If you vote **both** YES **and** NO on a measure, it is called an Overvote. Your vote will not count for that measure.
- You do not have to vote on all contests. Those you do vote on will still count.

RETURNING YOUR VOTED BALLOT

- Place the ballot in the secrecy envelope, seal it, then place the secrecy envelope in the Return envelope. Do not remove the label.
- Sign the Voter Statement on the back of the Return envelope. Your ballot will not be counted if you do not sign your envelope.
- To return your ballot by mail, place one first class stamp on the envelope.
- To return your ballot other than through the mail, you may refer to the list of <u>ballot drop sites</u>. You may return your ballot to any Official Ballot Drop Site in the State.

FOR YOUR BALLOT TO BE COUNTED

- Mark your ballot according to voting instructions.
- Do **NOT** remove any label(s)
- Use your secrecy envelope.
- Your brown striped return ballot envelope <u>must be</u> signed.
- Your ballot must be received in the Elections Office or an Official Ballot Drop Site by 8:00 P.M. on Election Day. POSTMARK DOES NOT COUNT.

WHAT IF I...?

What if I make a mistake on my ballot?

See Instructions on your ballot.

If you make a mistake that cannot be corrected, call the Marion County Elections Office and request a replacement ballot. One will be mailed to you provided the request is received within time for mailing. Otherwise, you may pick up a replacement ballot in person.

What if I change my mind after I turn in my ballot?

Your ballot has been cast as soon as you deposit it in the mail or at a drop site. After that, you cannot receive a new ballot.

What if I don't vote on everything on the ballot?

Your ballot will be counted.

AUDIO FORMAT

This voter pamplet is available in a downloadable audio format. Go to our website, www.co.marion.or.us/co/elections, to download the files. You may also contact Independent Living Resources to obtain the Audio voter pamphlet on CD or tape. Call 1.503.232.7411 to request the voter pamphlet in this media version.



OREGON

MARION COUNTY VOTER PAMPHLET

November 5, 2013 Special Election

Bill Burgess Marion County Clerk

Keizer Fire District

OFFICIAL MARION COUNTY DROP SITES

The listed Marion County Ballot Drop Sites will be open normal business hours beginning on October 18, 2013, and on Election Day, November 5th, they will remain open until 8:00 PM.

Oregon State Fire MarshalMon - Fri4760 Portland Rd. NE, Salem8 AM - 5 PM

Keizer City Hall930 Chemawa Rd. NE, Keizer
24 Hr

U.S. Bank - Keizer 5110 River Rd. N, Keizer

Mon - Thur 9 AM - 5:30 PM

Fri: 9 AM - 6 PM

Marion County Elections*
Inside Service Only

Mon - Fri 8:30 AM - 5 PM

4263 Commercial St. SE, # 300, Salem

*Election Day, November 5th 7 AM - 8 PM

Marion County Elections 4263 Commercial St. SE, #300, Salem Phone: 503.588.5041 or 1.800.655.5388 TTY/TDD: 503.588.5610 FAX: 503.588.5383

E-Mail: elections@co.marion.or.us Website: http://www.co.marion.or.us/CO/elections/

If you have a disability or are otherwise unable to mark your ballot, you may contact the Elections Office for assistance.

Keizer Fire District

Referred to the People by the District Board

24-353 Extension of Current Five-year Tax Levy with Increased Rate.

Question: Shall district impose \$.59 per \$1,000 of assessed value for general operations for five years beginning in 2014-2015? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

Summary: Keizer Fire District's tax rate has not increased in ten years. This measure will renew the current expiring levy for another five years and will increase the rate of the levy from the current rate of \$.35 per \$1,000 of assessed value to a rate of \$.59 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The District will use the tax revenue from this measure to operate the District at its present level of service, to provide adequate staffing to respond to fire and medical emergencies, and pay for the costs of the District's 9-1-1 dispatch services as required by law.

The first year of this five-year levy will be fiscal year 2014-2015. The proposed rate will raise approximately \$1,195,249 in 2014-2015, \$1,231,106 in 2015-2016, \$1,268,039 in 2016-2017, \$1,306,081 in 2017-2018, and \$1,345,263 in 2018-2019. 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 the estimate.

Explanatory Statement:

In April 2013, the Fire District formed a Citizen Advisory Board to review the District's Strategic Work Plan regarding the future needs and sustainability of service for the District. The Citizen Advisory Board was made up of 26 citizens of Keizer, representing each neighborhood association, Keizer City Council, School District, local businesses, District Budget Committee, and other organized groups. The Advisory Board reviewed data on service levels, service demands, costs, and response staffing. Due to increased costs and demands for services, the Advisory Board recommended that the District propose a local option tax levy of \$0.59 per \$1,000 of assessed value or \$59.00 per \$100,000 home. This is an increase of \$0.24 from the current levy that expires in 2014. Keizer Fire District tax rates have not increased in ten years.

Explanatory Statement (continued):

The Keizer Fire District Board of Directors decided by unanimous vote on August 20, 2013 to seek voter approval of this funding measure on the November ballot. The Board is asking Keizer Fire District residents to extend the current five-year local option levy that expires in 2014. A "Yes" vote would allow funding the Keizer Fire District for the next five years at its present level of service, improve ambulance staffing, and cover the costs of providing 9-1-1 communications as required by law.

The District relies heavily on the use of volunteer personnel to fulfill its mission. The Fire District is served by 40 volunteer and 23 career personnel. The number of calls in 2012 was 3,736. Keizer Fire District personnel arrived in under 6 minutes to emergencies in 2012 95.5% of the time. This levy is needed to continue this level of service.

The Fire District's permanent tax rate is \$1.3526 per \$1,000 of assessed property valuation. The Fire District Board of Directors has determined that revenue received from the permanent tax rate is insufficient to maintain the present level of service for the next five years. To fund operations the District has depleted its reserve funds set aside for equipment purchases.

Keizer Fire District is not a part of the city or county. The Fire District is a "special district," a separate unit of government, similar to a city or county. It was created by a vote of the people in 1948. It is governed by an elected Board of Directors who are residents of the District. As elected representatives of Keizer Fire District, their responsibility is to represent the interests of District residents by making policy decisions that ensure the highest level of fire services, emergency medical services, and life safety services provided in the most cost effective manner. The District also has a budget committee made up of the Board of Directors and five District citizens that makes recommendations on District expenditures.

Even with approval of this levy, Keizer Fire District will continue to remain at a lower tax rate for Fire and EMS services than neighboring City of Salem or Marion County Fire District.

Submitted by: Jeff S. Cowan Fire Chief, Keizer Fire District

Argument in Support Measure 24-353

The Keizer Fire District Board of Directors unanimously endorses this measure.

Keizer Fire District responded to 3,736 calls in 2012. Fire personnel arrived in under 6 minutes to emergencies in 2012, 95.5% of the time. During the first six months of 2013, Keizer Fire District has seen an increase of 9% in call volume. A levy is needed to maintain this level of service, improve staffing and keep response times under six minutes.

In 2013 a Citizen's Advisory Committee made up of 26 public citizens of Keizer was created to review the future needs and sustainability of service for the District. Due to increased costs and demands for services, they recommended the local option tax levy be increased to \$0.59 per \$1,000 of assessed value or \$59.00 per \$100,000 home. This is an increase of \$0.24 from the current levy that expires in 2014. Keizer Fire District tax rates have not increased in ten years.

The Board of Directors has determined revenue from the permanent tax rate at \$1.3526 per \$1,000 is insufficient to maintain the present level of service for the next five years. Even with approval of this levy, Keizer Fire District will continue to remain at a lower tax rate for Fire and EMS services than neighboring City of Salem or Marion County Fire District.

The Fire District relies on the use of volunteer personnel to fulfill its mission and is currently served by 40 volunteer and 23 career personnel. The Board of Directors decided by unanimous vote on August 20, 2013 to seek voter approval of this funding measure on the November ballot. The Board is asking Keizer Fire District residents to extend the current five-year local option levy that expires in 2014.

A "Yes" vote would fund the Keizer Fire District for the next five years at its present level of service, improve ambulance staffing, and cover the costs of providing 9-1-1 communications.

This information furnished by: Gregory D. Ego Keizer Fire District Board of Directors

Argument in Support Measure 24-353

The Keizer Fire District Citizens Advisory Committee endorses this measure.

Keizer Fire District Citizen's Advisory Committee 661 Chemawa Road NE Keizer, Oregon 97303

Dear Keizer Fire District,

On April 13th and 20th of this year, we participated in a Citizen Advisory Committee for Keizer Fire District to review the long range planning and needs of Emergency Response Services provided by your Fire District. In order to maintain response times of less than 6 minutes, add additional ambulance coverage, and pay for the costs of 9-1-1 dispatching as required by law, we recommend passing this Levy.

Our committee was made up of members in our community which included representatives from every Keizer neighborhood association, community group, Salem/Keizer School District, and Keizer City Council. They reviewed the needs of Keizer Fire District and then they made a recommendation to the Keizer Fire District Board of Directors at their May 2013 Board Meeting. By majority vote, the recommendation was to place this Levy on the November 2013 Ballot to sustain the long range funding for the Fire District to continue this level of service.

Please join us in supporting Keizer Fire District with your "Yes" vote on this Levy.

Sincerely yours,

Keizer Fire District Citizen Advisory Members

Brad Coy
Joe Egli
Bob Emmerich
Darrell Fuller
Horacio Gomez
John Honey
Jim Jobes
Art Mauer
Jerry McGee

Chet Patterson Laura Perez Paul Pfinister Bill Quinn Marlene Quinn John Rizzo Hank Tartar Jerry Wade Lyndon Zaitz

This information furnished by: Jim Jobes, Committee Member Keizer Fire Citizen Advisory Committee

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No arguments opposed to this measure were filed.