## **REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

• <u>New registrations</u> 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>. <u>gov</u> 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 submited 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 <u>you</u> do not sign <u>your</u> 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 <u>NOT</u> remove any label(s)
- Use your secrecy envelope.
- Your brown striped return ballot envelope <u>must be</u> <u>signed</u>.
- 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

# **Polk County Fire District No. 1**

## OFFICIAL MARION COUNTY DROP SITES

Ballots for Marion County voters will only be issued from the County Elections Office, 4263 Commercial St. SE, Room 300, Salem. The following Marion County Ballot Drop Sites are open normal business hours beginning on October 18, 2013 and until 8:00 PM on Election Day, November 5, 2013.

Marion County ElectionsMon - FriInside Service Only8:30 AM - 5 PM4263 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.

## **Polk County Fire District No. 1**

Referred to the People by the District Board

#### 27-110 Five Year Local Option Levy for Emergency Service Operations

**Question:** Shall District impose \$0.60 per \$1,000 of assessed value for five years beginning in 2014-2015 for emergency service operations? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

**Summary:** The Polk County Fire District No. 1 Board of Directors determined it needs additional funding to maintain emergency service operations. The Board found that current tax monies do not adequately fund ambulance and fire operations. The current fee for service payments from Medicare, Medicaid and other insurance has significantly decreased over the past several years. During this time, ambulance service costs have continued to increase as have requests for emergency services.

The previous levy of \$0.77 expired three years ago. Since that time, the Board determined it needs additional revenue to provide the community with an adequate level of emergency response services. With revenue continuing to decrease the Board decided to ask the taxpayers whether they will fund this levy in order to maintain the current level of emergency response services.

For a home with an assessed value of \$180,000 the proposed levy would result in a \$108.00 increase in property taxes.

The proposed rate will raise approximately \$648,324.94 in 2014-2015, \$658,258.06 in 2015-2016, \$668,346.43 in 2016-2017, \$678,592.56 in 2017-2018 and \$688,999.01 in 2018-2019. The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessors at the time of the estimate.

#### **Explanatory Statement:**

On August 15, 2013 the Board of Directors for Polk County Fire District No. 1 decided by a unanimous vote to place this funding measure on the November 5, 2013 ballot. The District's previous levy expired in 2010. The Board in its desire to be good stewards of the taxpayer's money has evaluated the expenses and revenue of the District. However, with general tax revenues continuing to decrease and with the demand for services and costs increasing, the Board of Directors made the decision to ask the taxpayers if they will fund this measure. Approval of this measure by a 'yes' vote will allow the District to maintain the current level of fire and emergency response for the next five years.

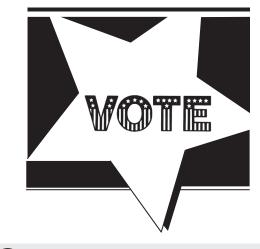
Polk County Fire District No.1 has 54 volunteers, whom the District relies on heavily, and 14 fulltime personnel. The District covers 185 square miles with four stations, serving a population of approximately 22,000 people. During 2012 the District answered 1839 calls for service of which 1425 were medical/rescue calls.

Polk County Fire District No. 1 is not part of a city or county but is a "special district," a unit of government equal to a city or county. It is governed by an elected Board of Directors whose members are residents of the District. As elected representatives of District residents, the Board of Directors' has a responsibility to represent the interests of District residents by making policy decisions that ensure the highest level of fire and life safety services provided in the most cost effective manner.

Further information can be obtained by calling 503-838-1510.

Submitted by: Joost Vanderhave President, Board of Directors Polk Country Fire District No. 1

No arguments in favor of or opposed to this measure were filed.



**i** Instructions

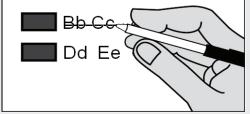
### To vote



Use a Black or Blue ink pen to completely fill in the box to the left of your choice.

After voting, refold your ballot the same way you received it.

## To correct a mistake



Draw a line through the entire measure response or candidate's name. You then have the option of making another choice.

If your ballot is damaged, you may request a replacement by contacting the Elections Office at 503.588.5041 or 1.800.655.5388.