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**Request for Ballot Title
Preparation or Publication of Notice**

Elections Division

No later than the 81st day before an election, a governing body that has referred a measure must prepare and file with the local elections official the text of the referral for ballot title preparation or the ballot title for publication of notice of receipt of ballot title. This form may be used to file the text of the referral and request the elections official begin the ballot title drafting process or file a ballot title and request the elections official publish notice of receipt of ballot title.

Filing Information

Election Date May 21, 2024	Authorized Official Levi Eckhardt
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Referral Information

Title, Number or other Identifier
2024-001

This Filing is For

Drafting of Ballot Title Attach referral text. Publication of Notice Ballot title below.

Ballot Title Additional requirements may apply

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.

By signing this document:
→ I hereby state that I am authorized by the county or city governing body, or district elections authority to submit this Request for Ballot Title – Preparation or Publication of Notice.

Signature redacted

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Signature

Date Signed