

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

Notice is hereby given that on January 19, 2024, a request for ballot title was filed by the Woodburn Fire 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:** Renews Local Option Levy To Maintain Fire, Emergency Medical Services

**Question:** Shall Woodburn Fire renew an emergency services levy at \$0.35 per \$1,000 of assessed value for five years beginning 2024-2025? This measure renews current local option taxes.

**Summary:** The Woodburn Fire District (WFD) is seeking renewal of the local option levy at the same rate previously approved by voters. The current levy expires in June 2024. For property assessed at \$200,000 (the average in WFD's service area), the cost of the levy would continue to be \$5.83 per month or approximately \$70 per year.

If the levy passes, revenue will be used to maintain the current quality and level of emergency services provided to the district residents and businesses. Funding at this level will allow the fire district to incrementally increase staffing as the area population grows.

If the levy does not pass, the fire district's ability to maintain the current level of emergency service and add additional firefighters/paramedics will be reduced. Without additional emergency personnel, response times will increase for medical emergencies, fires, and motor vehicle accidents.

WFD provides fire, emergency medical, and rescue services to the residents of Woodburn, Gervais, and the surrounding 75 square mile area. WFD has passed all independent financial audits demonstrating good stewardship of taxpayer dollars.

The levy renewal will raise approximately \$1,006,404 in 2024-2025; \$1,053,804 in 2025-2026; \$1,098,753 in 2026-2027; \$1,146,157 in 2027-2028; and \$1,196,126 in 2028-2029.

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., January 30, 2024 (7<sup>th</sup> business day after receipt of the ballot title), with appropriate notification as required by law to the Marion County Clerk.

Dated this 19th day of January, 2024. William J. Burgess, Marion County Clerk.