

Official Marion County Voter Pamphlet

A Voter's Guide to Local Measures
Special Election • November 7, 2023



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★ Ballots for this Election will be mailed to registered voters on October 18, 2023.

★ Do Not Forget To Sign Your Return Ballot Envelope.

★ Voted ballots must be received in an Elections Office or an Official Oregon Ballot Drop Site by 8:00 p.m., November 7, 2023, or Postmarked by November 7, 2023, and received by November 14, 2023.

Bill Burgess, Marion County Clerk
503.588.5041 or 1.800.655.5388
www.co.marion.or.us/co/elections



A Message from the Clerk . . .

Dear Marion County Voter,

We look forward to receiving your voted ballot. If you have not received your ballot by October 25, please call us at 503.588.5041.

I encourage everyone, who is qualified, to register and vote. Please spread the word. You are qualified to register at 16 and vote at 18. After incarceration, all citizens are allowed to vote in Oregon.

Postage is prepaid if you mail back your ballot. Please mail by October 31 to ensure that your ballot will likely be received by the deadline. Postmarks by Election Day now count, but only if the post office delivers within 7 days after Election Day, by November 14. If mailing on Election Day, be aware of the last pickup time posted on the USPS box. If the last pickup time has passed, do not mail, use an official ballot drop site or deliver to the Clerk’s Office by 8 pm.

If you wait until after October 31 to return your ballot, please use an official ballot drop site instead of the mail to ensure we receive your ballot in time to count it. See the list of drop sites for this election inside this flyer.

Check your registration status at www.oregonvotes.gov and update if necessary.

Please be sure we have both your current residential and mailing address, if different. This helps determine which of the 97 unique ballot styles to send to you. You can check and, if necessary, update this information online at www.oregonvotes.gov.

Prospective voters with an Oregon Driver License or ID card can also register online by October 17 for this November Special Election. Alternately, register in our office or mail a voter registration form postmarked by October 17.

We check each signature. If notified via mail, please respond to the letter, or come to the Clerk’s office to resolve any missing or non-matching signature issue by November 28 so we can count your ballot.

Please sign up today at <https://marioncountyclerk.ballottrax.net/voter/> to track your ballot with text, email, or voice alerts. This allows you to know where your ballot is in the process and allows us to contact you quickly if there is a signature issue. We need to match each signature before we can open the envelope to count the ballot.

The United States Postal Service offers Informed Delivery, where you receive an email with an image of mail pieces to be delivered that day. You will know when your ballot hits your mailbox. To sign up for this service, go to www.informeddelivery.usps.com.

Do you know of someone who, because of reading impairment or disability, needs voting assistance? Please contact us. We offer several options to help people vote privately and independently. We also offer large print and tactile ballots. This voter pamphlet is available in voice and text on our website. Independent Living Resources, 503.232.7411, will mail this voter pamphlet on CD, or tape on request.

Thank you for helping make democracy work by being informed and voting. You are welcome to observe our election process. Call or visit for details.

- October 17 • Last day to register to vote.
- October 18 • Ballots mailed locally.
- October 31 • Recommended last day to mail ballot for USPS delivery by Election Day.
- November 7 • Last day to return ballots into an official drop box anywhere in Oregon before 8 pm.
- November 28 • Last day to resolve a missing or non-matching signature in time for the ballot to be counted.

Sincerely,

Bill Burgess
Marion County Clerk
503.588.5041

Website: <http://www.co.marion.or.us/CO/elections>

Selected portions of this county voters' pamphlet are available in Simplified Chinese, Korean, Marshallese, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese. These translations can be found online at **oregonvotes.gov/MarionVP**

本县选民手册的部分内容提供简体中文版本。可以访问 **oregonvotes.gov/MarionVP** 获取译本。

주 유권자 팜플렛의 선택된 부분은 한국어 준비되어 있습니다. 번역은 온라인 **oregonvotes.gov/MarionVP** 에서 찾아볼 수 있습니다.

Mōttan melele ko emōj kelet ie ilo peba eo an ribout ilo county ewōr ilo Kajin Majol. Kwōmaron loe ukok kein online ilo **oregonvotes.gov/MarionVP**

Отдельные части брошюр избирателей этого округа доступны на русском языке. С данными переводами можно ознакомиться в Интернете по адресу: **oregonvotes.gov/MarionVP**

Algunas secciones de este folleto para votantes del condado están disponibles en español. Estas traducciones están disponibles en línea en **oregonvotes.gov/MarionVP**

Các phần được chọn trong tập thông tin cho cử tri quận này có bản ngôn ngữ tiếng Việt. Bản dịch có thể xem trực tuyến tại **oregonvotes.gov/MarionVP**

How to Contact the Marion County Clerk - Elections Department



Marion County
OREGON

In Person: 555 Court St NE, Suite 2130 (2nd Floor)
Salem, OR 97301

By Mail: PO Box 14500
Salem, OR 97309

By Phone: 503.588.5041 or 1.800.655.5388

By TTY: (Deaf or Hearing Impaired device required)
1.800.735.2900

By Fax: 503.588.5383

By E-Mail: elections@co.marion.or.us

Website: www.co.marion.or.us/co/elections

Office Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday
Election Day, November 7th, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.



If you need a **Replacement Ballot**, would like a **Large-Print Ballot** or need **assistance with voting**...or if you would just like to **observe** and see **democracy in action**, come see us at the Clerk's Office!

Official Marion County Ballot Drop Sites

The Marion County drop sites listed below will be open beginning October 18th.

On Election Day, November 7th, drop sites will remain open until 8:00 p.m.

You DO NOT need to apply postage if you use an Official Marion County Drop Box or mail within the United States.

Salem & Keizer

Marion County Clerk
555 Court St NE, Ste 2130, Salem

Indoor Dropbox
Mon - Fri 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Election Day 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Marion County Health
3180 Center St NE, Salem

Curbside Dropbox
24 Hours

Roth's Fresh Market - Vista
3045 Commercial St SE, Salem

Indoor Dropbox
Daily 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Election Day 6 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Roth's Fresh Market - Sunnyslope
4555 Liberty Rd S, Salem

Indoor Dropbox
Daily 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Election Day 6 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Roth's Fresh Market - Hayesville
4746 Portland Rd NE, Salem

Indoor Dropbox
Daily 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Election Day 6 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Marion County Public Works
5155 Silverton Rd NE, Salem

Curbside Dropbox
Mon - Fri 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Election Day 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Keizer City Hall
930 Chemawa Rd NE, Keizer

Curbside Dropbox
24 Hours

North, South & East County

Donald City Hall
10710 Main St NE, Donald

Walk-up Dropbox
24 Hours

Silverton - Lewis St. Parking Lot
208 Lewis St & S 1st St, Silverton

Curbside Dropbox
24 Hours

Jefferson City Hall/Library
150 N 2nd St, Jefferson

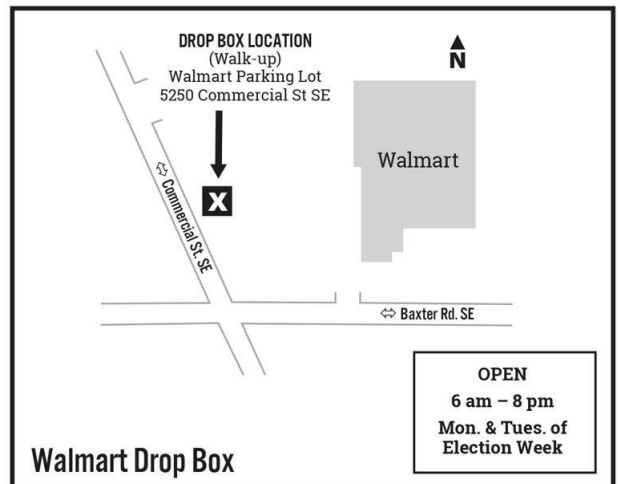
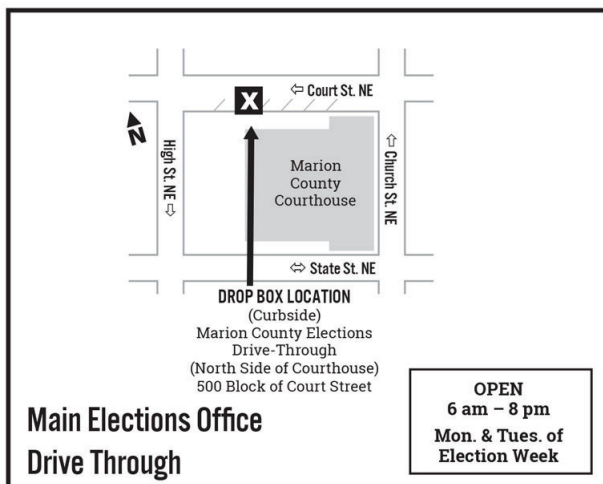
Curbside Dropbox
24 Hours

Mill City - City Hall
444 S 1st Ave, Mill City

Indoor Dropbox
Mon- Fri 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Election Day 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Ballots for Marion County voters may only be issued by the County Clerk and staff.
555 Court St NE, Suite 2130 (2nd Floor), Salem, Oregon

These two Marion County Drive-Thru and Park & Drop sites will only be open Monday, November 6th and Tuesday, November 7th, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.



Official Marion County Curbside Ballot Drop Sites

DROP BOX LOCATION (Indoor)
 Courthouse Square
 Ground Floor Lobby
 555 Court Street NE

OPEN
 Mon. - Fri.
 8 am - 5 pm
 Election Day
 7 am - 8 pm

Main Elections Office

DROP BOX LOCATION (Inside)
 Roth's Fresh Market - Sunnyslope
 4555 Liberty Rd S

OPEN
 Every Day
 6 am - 9 pm
 Election Day
 6 am - 8 pm

Roth's - Sunnyslope Drop Box

DROP BOX LOCATION (Curbside)
 Marion County Health
 3180 Center St NE

OPEN
 24 HOURS

Marion County Health Bldg.

DROP BOX LOCATION (Inside)
 Roth's Fresh Market - Hayesville
 4746 Portland Rd NE

OPEN
 Every Day
 6 am - 9 pm
 Election Day
 6 am - 8 pm

Roth's - Hayesville Drop Box

DROP BOX LOCATION (Inside)
 Roth's Fresh Market - Vista
 3045 Commercial St SE

OPEN
 Every Day
 6 am - 9 pm
 Election Day
 6 am - 8 pm

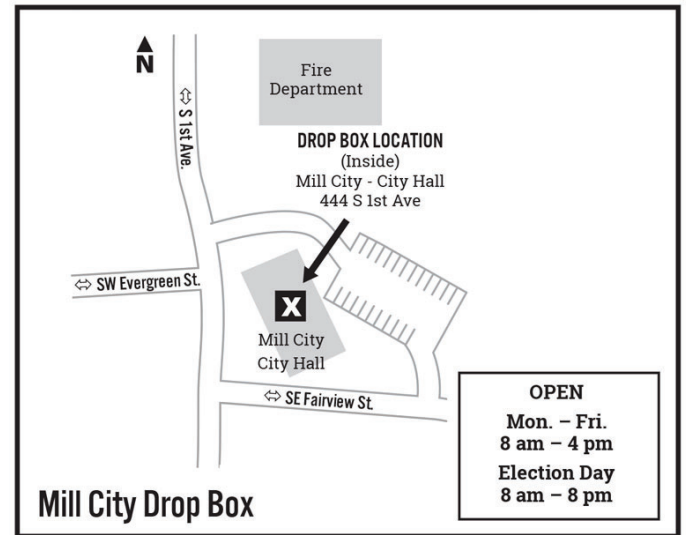
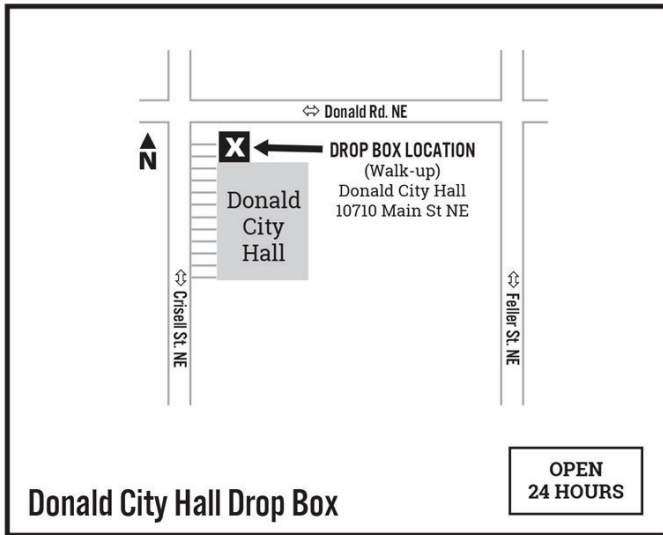
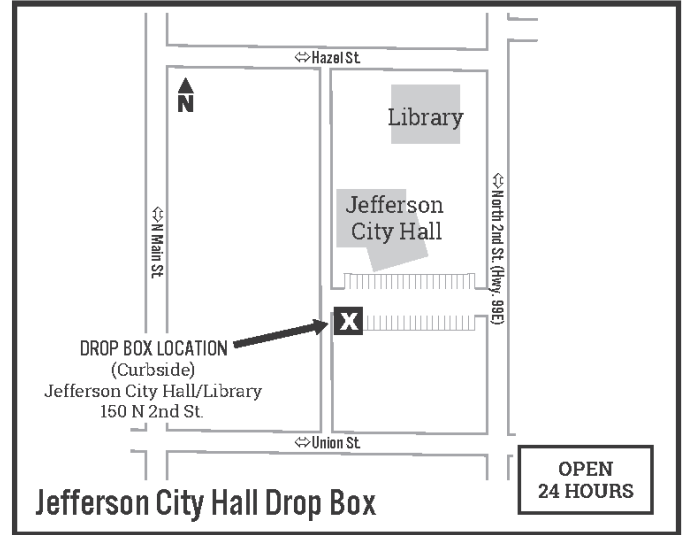
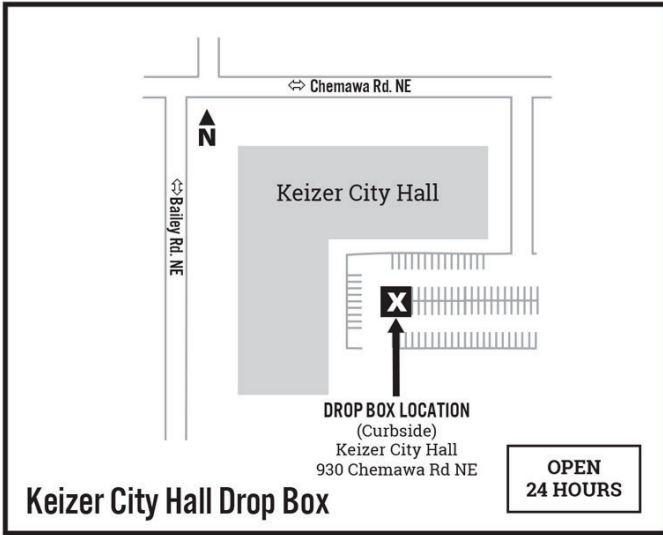
Roth's - Vista Drop Box

DROP BOX LOCATION (Curbside)
 Marion County Public Works
 5155 Silverton Rd NE

OPEN
 Mon. - Fri.
 8 am - 5 pm
 Election Day
 8 am - 8 pm

Marion County Public Works Drop Box

Official Marion County Curbside Ballot Drop Sites



If you'd rather mail your ballot,

Postmarks now count

IF

Mailed **ON** or **BEFORE** Election Day

AND

Received within 7 days of Election Day

..... **AND**, of course, must have a valid voter signature!

Can I Vote in Oregon?

Am I qualified to register to vote in Oregon?

You are qualified to register to vote in Oregon if you can answer yes to the following questions:

- Are you a resident of Oregon?
- Are you a US citizen?
- Are you at least 16 years of age?

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

How do I register to vote in Oregon?

To register to vote you can complete a registration card or use the online registration process to provide your county elections official your full legal name, home address, any separate mailing address, date of birth, signature, and valid identification.

The online voter registration process is available at www.oregonvotes.gov.

A Registration Card is available in the back of this voter pamphlet, as well as in any county elections office, some post offices, the Secretary of State's Office, and some state agencies such as the DMV.

What identification do I provide?

You must provide your valid Oregon Driver's License number, Permit or ID number, or a Social Security number. A suspended Driver's License is valid for registration purposes. A revoked Driver's License is not valid.

If you do not have a valid Oregon ID or Social Security number you can find a list of acceptable alternative identification online at www.oregonvotes.gov.

What is the deadline to register to vote for this election?

To vote in the November 7, 2023, Special Election, your completed voter registration card must be:

- postmarked by Tuesday, October 17th; or
- delivered to a county elections office or voter registration agency (e.g. DMV) by Tuesday, October 17th, by 5:00 p.m.

If you register to vote online, your registration must be submitted by 11:59 PM on Tuesday, October 17th.

vote!





Voters with Disabilities Information

Alternate Format Ballot

The Alternate Format Ballot (**AFB**) is a voting tool that is available to voters with disabilities to vote privately and independently if they have access to a computer with a web browser and a printer.

Call our office for more information.

Accessible Computer Stations

To accommodate voters with disabilities that do not have access to the required technology to vote the AFB, we have an Accessible Computer Station (ACS).

★ Please bring the ballot packet you received through the mail with you when using the ACS at the county site.

The ACS is available at:

Marion County Clerk's Office, 555 Court St NE, Suite 2130, Salem.
Conveniently accessible to bus service as we are located on the same block as the Downtown Transit Center (Courthouse Square) in Salem.

To avoid delays, please call our office in advance.

Large-Print Ballots

Any voter can request a ballot with larger print if needed. Call our office to get your request put in place for this and future ballots.

Voting Assistance

Any voter can request assistance from the County Clerk's Office for help with marking a ballot. Call our office to request assistance.

Marion County Voter Pamphlet

This voter pamphlet 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.

If you have questions about registration or voting, contact the Clerk's Office:

555 Court St NE, Suite 2130, Salem

Phone 503.588.5041 or 1.800.655.5388 (TTY/TDD line at 1.800.735.2900)

Fax 503.588.5383 • E-mail: elections@co.marion.or.us

Website: www.co.marion.or.us/co/elections

Voting Instructions

Review the Ballot Packet

It should contain at least the following items:

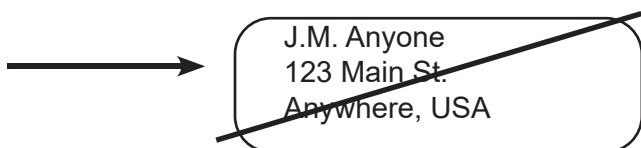
- Printed ballot
- A pre-addressed return envelope
- “Secrecy” sleeve
- Insert for Ballot Drop Sites

If any items are missing, contact Marion County Clerk - Elections.

Important Ballot Information:

If a ballot has been delivered to your address and it is addressed to someone who does not live at your address:

1. Mark through the address like this:



2. Return to your mailbox, post office or letter carrier.

Notify Marion County Clerk’s Office Before Voting The Ballot Delivered To You If:

- Your name is different than that on the label; or
- Your residence address has changed; or
- You have added, deleted or changed a mailing address.

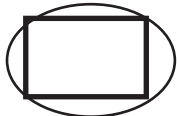
To make sure your vote counts:

- Use a **black or blue ink pen**.
- Completely fill in the box to the left of your choice.
- To vote on a measure, complete the box next to either the “Yes” or “No”,

LIKE THIS:



NOT THIS:



NOT THIS:



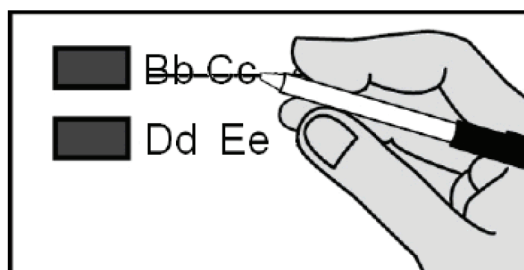
To Vote:

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



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.



To Vote a Write-In:

To vote for a candidate not printed on the ballot, fill in the box provided to the left of “Write-In:”, and print the first and last name of your choice on the line.



Important: Your Ballot Return Envelope must be Received by 8 p.m. Election Night or postmarked by November 7th (and received by November 14th) or it will not be Counted.

SAMPLE BALLOT • November 7, 2023 • Special Election

This sample ballot is a composite of all contests appearing on ballots in Marion County.
Not all voters will vote on every contest.

Cities

City of Donald

Measure 24-492
City of Donald 5-year local option levy

City of Salem

Measure 24-491
City of Salem Payroll Tax Referendum

School Districts

Silver Falls School District

Measure 24-486
Bonds to increase safety, improve schools; replace Silverton Middle School

St Paul School District

Measure 24-494
Bonds for career technical and agricultural facility and facility upgrades

Fire Districts

Aurora Rural Fire

Measure 24-488
Five Year Levy for Maintaining Current 24/7 Staffing and Operations.

Idahna-Detroit Fire District

Measure 24-489
Five year local option levy for emergency service operation staffing

Jefferson Rural Fire

Measure 24-487
Five-Year Local Option Tax Levy for Operations

Keizer Fire District

Measure 24-490
Five-Year Local Option Tax Levy for Operations

Marion County Fire District

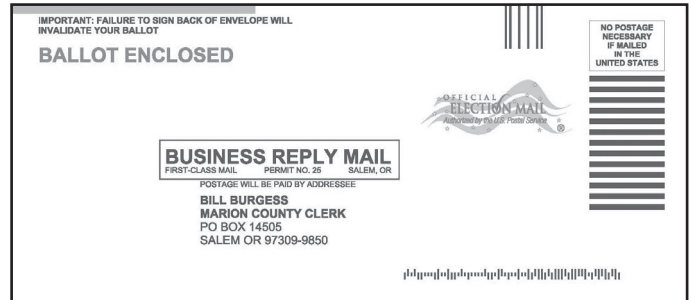
Measure 24-493
Tax Levy for Staffing Two Dedicated Emergency Response Fire Engines.

What is a prepaid postage envelope?

You no longer have to find a stamp.

With prepaid postage, you no longer have to search for a stamp to mail back your voted ballot.

All ballots to Oregon voters now include a prepaid postage return envelope.



How does it work?

If you return your voted ballot by mail, the Post Office will charge the State of Oregon for each ballot returned to an Elections Official.

Only those ballots sent back through the mail will have postage charged to the State.

What about Drop sites?



Using one of Marion County's 21 drop sites is faster and will reach us before the deadline.
No postage is charged to either the state or the county if your ballot is returned in a drop site box.

You can find a list of drop sites on pages 5-7.

Postmarks NOW count!

IF your ballot is postmarked on election day or before and.....

Your ballot arrives in our office within 7 days after election day and.....

You have signed the oath on the ballot and.....

Your signature matches the signature that is on your election file in our records.....

Your Ballot Will Be Counted!!

Return your ballot.

- By mail (*only if Postmarked on or by November 7 and received by November 14, 2023*)
- At any Official Ballot Drop Site (see list at pages 5-7)
- At the County Clerk's/Elections Office: 555 Court St NE
Suite 2130 (2nd Floor)
Salem, OR 97301

Measure No. 24-492
City of Donald

Five Year Local Option Tax to Fund City Police Officer

Question: Shall the City of Donald Impose \$237,447 each year for five years for operating purposes? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

Summary: The tax revenue from this Measure will pay for a police officer that will only serve the City of Donald during prescribed hours. Approval of this measure will fund the purchase of a City police vehicle and training of a Marion County Sheriff's Deputy that will patrol and enforce the laws 40 hours per week on a schedule established by the City. This measure authorizes funding for an initial five-year term at a total cost estimated to be \$1,187,235 paid from assessments on properties in the City at the estimated annual rate of \$1.74 per thousand of assessed value each year for five years. The estimated tax cost for the measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of estimate and may reflect the impact of early payment discounts, compression, and the collection rate.

**NO ARGUMENTS
WERE FILED IN
SUPPORT OR IN
OPPOSITION TO THIS
MEASURE**

Measure No. 24-492
City of Donald

Explanatory Statement:

The City of Donald currently contracts with the Marion County Sheriff's Office to provide police services within the City of Donald. The City of Donald's current police coverage is subject to the schedule and demands of the Sheriff's Office's other obligations to County residents and police clients. The City Council proposes to enhance police services by hiring an officer that will serve only the City of Donald during prescribed hours. Approval of this measure will fund the purchase of a City police vehicle and training of a Marion County Sheriff's Deputy that will patrol and enforce the laws 40 hours per week on a schedule established by the City. The measure authorizes funding and services for an initial five-year period at a total cost of \$1,187,235 to be paid by a special property tax assessment estimated to be at a rate of \$1.74 per thousand of assessed value. Approval of this Measure will authorize the City to assess and pay for dedicated police services for a five-year period.

Information Submitted By:
Eric Underwood
City Manager
City of Donald

Measure No. 24-491
City of Salem

Tax on Wages and Self Employment Earnings to Fund Services

Question: Shall City impose 0.814% tax on “wages” and “earnings from self-employment” performed within Salem to fund “community safety services?”

Summary: If approved, measure would impose a tax on specified wages and self-employment earnings for work performed within Salem. Under the measure:

- Gross “Wages” and “net earnings from self-employment” would be taxed at rate of 0.814 percent.
- “Wages” defined by ORS 316.162(2): “remuneration for services performed by an employee for an employer, including the cash value of all remuneration paid in any medium other than cash;” exceptions.
- “Net earnings from self-employment” defined by 1986 Internal Revenue Code.
- No tax for earnings at or below minimum wage or on earnings for work performed outside Salem.
- Employers required to withhold tax from employees’ wages and remit quarterly to City. If employer fails to withhold, employee must remit tax to City.
- Self-employed people would be required to remit tax to City.
- Use of revenue from the tax limited to administration of the tax and “community safety services” defined to mean “police, fire, emergency medical services, 911 call service, code enforcement, and unsheltered services.”
- City Manager may make rules and interpret ordinance, issue penalties, and collect tax.

Explanatory Statement:

The City of Salem did not submit an explanatory statement.

Measure No. 24-491
City of Salem

Argument in Support:

**Join us by voting Yes on Measure 24-491,
the Safe Salem Payroll Tax.**

This life saving measure is urgently needed to maintain a safe and healthy community for all who live and work in Salem. Measure 24-491 ensures continued funding for critical emergency services and our homelessness response. Our Navigation Center and three managed micro-shelter sites, which were started with one time federal and state funds, will close without this, risking hundreds of our neighbors returning to the streets.

Additionally, Salem’s critical emergency services have been pushed to their limits by a combination of population growth and increased demand. Without Measure 24-491, Salem can’t make needed investments in our Police and Fire. By stabilizing emergency response, we protect the funding for other core services that together make Salem a wonderful place to live.

Opponents have stated that Measure 24-491 is new and confusing. We disagree. Salem is not the first to use a payroll tax to address critical budget deficits driven by Oregon’s outdated property tax code. As city councilors, our commitment to voters is to make implementation of this program as straightforward and simple as possible. The process will be open and transparent to ensure everyone’s voice is heard.

We agree that this situation is deeply frustrating. Oregon has a broken property tax system which Salem alone cannot fix. But every year the city waits for the state to act will be another year of additional cuts that our community cannot afford.

We have heard for years that homelessness and public safety are residents’ top priorities. We ask now for your help in saving lives and our city. Please help us fund our successful SOS homeless response team, managed shelter sites, emergency response services, and protect our libraries, parks and more.

Let’s continue to invest in our beautiful city, vote yes on 24-491.

Councilors

- Virginia Stapleton - Ward 1
- Linda Nishioka - Ward 2
- Trevor Phillips - Ward 3
- Micki Varney - Ward 8

(This information furnished by Virginia Stapleton)

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Measure No. 24-491
City of Salem

Argument in Support:

**MEASURE 24-491 PROVIDES THE SERVICES
RESIDENTS WANT**

Salem residents have been sending the City the same clear message:

**“Reducing homelessness and improving emergency services are
top priorities.**

To make Salem thrive, first make it safe.”

Salem can't meet community expectations without additional revenue.

Is There Really a Budget Crisis?

Yes. By 2026, Salem's General Fund deficit will reach nearly **\$28 million**. Salem can't balance the budget without laying off police officers, firefighters, librarians and other city workers that provide services we all depend on.

What's Causing the Shortfall?

It's not because Salem is spending too much. It's because property tax collection is limited by laws passed in the 1990s. The city can't keep up with inflation and the cost of new services that residents demand – like responding to homelessness. Plus, as Oregon's capital city, Salem has over **\$2 billion worth of untaxed property** that contributes nothing for city services.

More Facts

- Reducing homelessness requires long term funding. Salem needs \$9 million annually to continue these efforts, including critical downtown patrols, micro-shelters, and the navigation center. **Closing these sites would set us back years.**
- Salem is growing and the demands on our emergency services are increasing faster than the funding to support them. Emergency response times are taking longer and **we can't risk them getting worse.**
- Without Measure 24-491, every General Fund program will face cuts. **There is no way to balance a \$28 million shortfall without cutting parks, libraries, and senior services, as well as police, fire and homelessness response.**

Why the Payroll Tax?

- Revenue from the payroll tax grows as Salem grows.
- It's a way for the nearly 70,000 who commute to work here to pay their fair share.
- Lowest-income earners are exempt.
- The City Council, Budget Committee and Sustainable Revenue Task Force examined all other options and concluded a payroll tax was the best approach.

SAVE SALEM! VOTE “YES” FOR A SAFE AND THRIVING SALEM
www.savesalem.org

(This information furnished by Virginia Stapleton on behalf of The Committee to Save Salem)

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Measure No. 24-491
City of Salem

Argument in Support:

I believe in Salem, and I believe in Salem's future. We are a thriving and growing city with a vibrant downtown and a wonderful sense of community. And I am grateful Salem residents have made many investments which will help ensure we have a strong infrastructure to support a bright future.

And now it's time to invest again to deliver the services a thriving city requires. In an ideal world, our existing property tax structure would support the services we need, but our system is broken. Until it is fixed, we need this payroll tax to help provide critical public safety services that will support our growing city. If there was a way to solve this problem without this measure, I would support it 100%. Unfortunately, given current state law, there is not.

Thousands of individuals commute into Salem every day to help support our state government and other employers. But sadly, our largest employers, like the State of Oregon, don't pay property taxes; residents of Salem are left to foot the bill. This tax will help share the burden of providing services with everyone who works here.

This measure will provide vital fire fighters, police officers, and homelessness response that our city demands. It will allow the city to maintain library services, parks maintenance and other critical general fund programs that make our city a great place to live!

I encourage you join me in supporting Measure 24-491, the Safe Salem Payroll Tax.

Thank you,

Chris Hoy
Mayor of Salem

(This information furnished by Chris Hoy)

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Measure No. 24-491
City of Salem

Argument in Opposition:

Taxpayers Association of Oregon says

Vote No on Salem's unfair payroll tax (24-491)

The politicians are coming after the working people of Salem with an outrageous and unfair payroll tax. Vote No.

- This tax will cost many Salem workers \$500 a year.
- This tax is on top of a 60% utility fee increase for single-family homes.
- This tax is on top of a 40% utility fee increase for apartments (effective in July).
- This tax is on top of high inflation which recently hit a 40-year high.

Enough is enough.

This tax will cost many Salem workers almost two months of groceries.

The people of Salem are struggling.

While Salem says they don't have enough money for public safety, they found enough to subsidize a cheap no-frills airline to fly people out of Salem to Las Vegas.

Vote no on Salem's payroll tax—we can't afford it

Taxpayers Association of Oregon says No
Join the movement to lower taxes and cut government waste
follow us on our news website: **OregonWatchdog.com**

(This information furnished by Jason Williams on behalf of Taxpayers Association of Oregon)

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Measure No. 24-491
City of Salem

Argument in Opposition:

Taxpayers Association of Oregon says
Vote No to Salem's unfair payroll tax (24-491)

High taxes create poverty.

According to a February analysis by CNBC **Oregon has the highest effective income tax rate of all 50 states** for income taxes on the middle class. (1)

Adding taxes to Oregon's already high taxes will create...

- more poverty
- more homeless
- more foreclosures
- more laid off workers
- more small businesses leaving Salem.

High taxes create poverty.

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follow us on our news website: **OregonWatchdog.com**

(1) Source: CNBC article 2/27/23, using \$75,000 benchmark).

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Measure No. 24-491
City of Salem

Argument in Opposition:

**The Oregon Small Business Association
Opposes 24-491**

24-491 is payroll nightmare for small business

Salem's payroll tax only applies to work done within city limits. That means small business owners and their workers will have to keep extensive and detailed records of the location where they are working and the duration spent at that location. Otherwise, Salem may tax all their wages.

Not only do small businesses have to collect the tax, they'll also have to pay accountants extra money to make sure they're in compliance. That's a waste of money.

All of these taxes, costs and new rules makes it hard for local small family-owned Salem shops to compete with national online corporations. Small business needs help not harm.

Vote no on 24-491 and spare small business the payroll nightmare

(This information furnished by TJ Reilly on behalf of Oregon Small Business Association)

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Measure No. 24-491
City of Salem

Argument in Opposition:

PROTECT SALEM WORKERS:

Vote NO On Salem's Costly Payroll Tax | Measure 24-491

By 2022, Salem's leaders had created a ballooning government with all-time high tax revenues and more permanent city employees than at any point in our history. But this summer, Mayor Chris Hoy and City Councilors Virginia Stapleton, Linda Nishioka, Trevor Phillips, and Micki Varney voted to tax the working people of Salem even more.

We need better leadership in Salem and we need to vote NO on Measure 24-491!

Led by Virginia Stapleton, the "**Committee to Save Salem**" is **spreading fear** of possible layoffs at a fire station and cuts to police, along with closure of a library and restricted access to parks.

We've heard this kind of refrain before and no doubt we'll hear it again. **These emotional arguments are made to hide the City of Salem's long-term failure** to be fiscally responsible.

Now they are facing tough budgeting decisions and are too cowardly to take action, so they are passing the bill to you.

Under this proposed payroll tax, **the average Salem worker will pay over \$500 a year** to compensate for the inability of our leaders to prepare a responsible budget using record tax revenue. How is it fair to force families with two working parents to reduce their budgets by over \$1,000 per year because the city cannot responsibly budget?

The worst part is **there is nothing to stop them from increasing this payroll tax again** at any time without voter approval!

We need our leaders to take ownership of the mess they've made and look for solutions without putting the burden on working Salem families.

Make no mistake, this payroll tax will NOT solve our city's penchant for wasteful spending with no regard for funding the basics such as police and fire services. It will merely hurt working families who cannot afford another tax and delay any real reforms.

Please vote NO on Measure 24-491.

(This information furnished by Joel Rumrill on behalf of Marion Polk First PAC)

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Measure No. 24-491
City of Salem

Argument in Opposition:

DEFEAT THE TAX ON SALEM WORKERS
VOTE NO ON MEASURE 24-491

\$1,000+ IN NEW TAXES PER FAMILY. Measure 24-491 would increase taxes on a two-worker household earning Salem's average annual wage by over \$1,000!

NO CAP ON FUTURE TAX INCREASES. Get ready to pay even more. If Measure 24-491 is adopted, the Salem City Council could increase the tax at any time *without a vote of the people!*

INFLATION IS CRUSHING SALEM RESIDENTS. But the Salem City Council wants more of your money anyway. Measure 24-491 would raise nearly \$30 million per year in new taxes at a time when residents can least afford it.

THE TAX WILL HURT SMALL BUSINESSES. Salem-area businesses are already struggling to recover from the pandemic. Measure 24-491 will make things even harder. It's costly, it's an administrative nightmare, and it will make it harder to attract and retain workers.

THE SALEM CITY BUDGET IS BIGGER THAN EVER. The city is already projected to collect record tax revenues from Salem residents. Measure 24-491 is a blank check to a city government with a never-ending appetite for more of your hard-earned money.

LITTLE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR HOW MONEY WILL BE SPENT. Measure 24-491 provides little in the way of accountability for how the new tax revenues will be spent. Salem politicians don't need another slush fund paid for by our tax dollars.

It's time for the city to live within its means. It's not fair to punish small businesses and working families with new taxes when the city should be managing its resources better. Join thousands of Salem residents and VOTE NO ON MEASURE 24-491.

MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT
www.nosalempayrolltax.com

(This information furnished by Preston Mann on behalf of Defeat the Tax on Salem Workers)

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Measure No. 24-486
Silver Falls School District No. 4J

Bonds to increase safety, improve schools; replace Silverton Middle School

Question: Shall district increase safety, update and repair schools; improve accessibility, replace middle school; issue \$138 million in bonds; audits required?

If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Summary: Silver Falls School District proposes a bond not exceeding \$138 million; will receive \$4 million state grant if approved.

Bonds would finance capital costs, including:

- Replace Silverton Middle School with new school on current site; keep existing gym. Current facility is between 60 and 85 years old and portions of school are condemned.

Planned Improvements for all schools:

- Improve Safety and Security:
 - Secure exterior doors, alarms, cameras
 - Fire, intercom improvements
 - Improve parking, traffic flow
 - Better accessibility to meet ADA requirements
- Prioritize Healthy Schools:
 - Remove asbestos
 - Eradicate toxic mold, water intrusion
 - Ventilation systems to address fire smoke, improve indoor air quality
- Update & Repair Aging Buildings:
 - Electrical, roofing, flooring, lighting, insulation, siding, windows, HVAC, sewer/stormwater systems
- Site improvements, demolition, furnishings, equipment, issuance costs

Citizen oversight committee, audits required

Bonds may be issued in multiple series maturing within 26 years from issuance. Estimated increase over current rate is \$1.60 per \$1,000 assessed property value. Actual levy rate may differ due to changes in interest rates, assessed value.

NO ARGUMENTS
WERE FILED IN
OPPOSITION TO THIS
MEASURE

Measure No. 24-486
Silver Falls School District No. 4J

Explanatory Statement:

The Silver Falls Schools District serves approximately 3,450 students in 9 elementaries, one middle, one high school across 250 square miles.

The average age of District buildings is 71 years with six schools more than 75 years old including:

- Central Howell Elementary (95 years old)
- Pratum Elementary (95 years old)
- Silverton Middle School (85 years old)
- Victor Point Elementary (76 years old)
- Silver Crest Elementary (76 years old)
- Butte Creek Elementary (75 years old)

Silver Falls Schools face challenges including:

Safety and Security:

Every school in the District has exterior doors that are not secured with access control systems.

Many schools in the District have fire safety systems, intercoms and other safety measures that are either non-existent or fail to meet current standards.

Aging Buildings

Buildings across the District have aging electrical, heating, plumbing, and sewer systems. Sidewalks and parking lots have degraded. Some buildings have basement water infiltration and stormwater back-ups.

Health & Accessibility

Classroom temperatures vary widely; most schools do not have ventilation or cooling (AC). With the extended wildfire seasons and smoke, our schools are being forced to choose between closing windows and doors forcing temps to 90+ degrees in classrooms or allowing unhealthy air to enter schools.

Accessibility is also a real issue as many schools do not meet ADA requirements.

Silverton Middle School

Built in 1938 - the third oldest school in the District - has failing building systems, portions of the building are condemned, lacks space for students and has security issues with 41 outside entrances.

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Measure No. 24-486
Silver Falls School District No. 4J

(Explanatory Statement continued:)

Community identified priorities: Development of this bond has been a 5 year process beginning with a comprehensive facilities assessment and Long-Range Facilities Committee. The District next convened a community bond advisory committee in 2022 that gathered public input on the needs of school buildings. This committee recommended a Bond proposal that makes improvements to every school in the District.

School Board refers bond measure. The school board seeks voter approval of up to \$138 million general obligation bonds. District will receive state matching funds of \$4 million if bonds are approved.

Bonds would finance capital costs, including:

- **Replace Silverton Middle School** with new school on current site; keep existing gym. Current facility is between 60 and 85 years old and portions of school are condemned.

Planned Improvements for **all schools:**

- **Improve Safety and Security:**
 - Secure exterior doors, alarms, cameras
 - Fire alarm, intercom improvements
 - Improve parking, traffic flow
 - Better accessibility to meet ADA requirements
- **Prioritize Healthy Schools:**
 - Remove asbestos
 - Eradicate toxic mold, water intrusion
 - Ventilation systems to address fire smoke, improve indoor air quality
- **Update & Repair Aging Buildings:**
 - Electrical, roofing, flooring, lighting, insulation, windows, HVAC, sewer and stormwater systems

Citizen oversight committee will be formed; audits will be performed as part of District's annual audit.

Bonds may be issued in multiple series maturing within 26 years from issuance. Estimated increase over current rate is \$1.60 per \$1,000 assessed property value. Actual levy rate may differ due to changes in interest rates, assessed value.

Information Submitted By:

Steve Nielsen

Director of Finance and Operations

Silver Falls School District No. 4J

Measure No. 24-486
Silver Falls School District No. 4J

Argument in Support:

For SAFER, HEALTHIER Schools, Vote Yes for Measure 24-486

As public safety and health professionals, we know it's our responsibility to do everything we can to keep our community safe.

When it comes to school safety, the headlines across the nation are all too frequent and similar. It's an unfortunate fact that in today's world, our schools must be ready to respond to any manner of threat.

It is critical that we ensure our schools are safe and healthy. Currently our district school buildings leave our kids and staff vulnerable.

Safety and Security:

We need to know who is in our buildings or on school grounds. Every school in our district has entrances that are **NOT secured** with any sort of access control systems.

In emergencies, the ability to respond quickly literally saves lives. This bond measure helps us do that—fund **functional emergency communications** and **fire safety systems** that help keep students and staff safe in the case of imminent danger.

The middle school's main brick structure on Schlador Street has been **condemned** for decades. Students and staff have worked around this dangerous core for years, but it is seismically unstable and un-repairable.

Healthy Schools:

Classroom temperatures vary widely, HVAC and air handling systems are **aging, inefficient and in some cases nonexistent**. Updated systems will make sure our schools are safe and **a place of refuge** for our community in future heat and smoke events.

Students and parents count on schools as places for learning, connection and nourishment for the mind and body. It is critical that we ensure our schools are **safe and healthy**.

The Silver Falls School Bond will help keep our kids, and the adults who care for them, safe and healthy. Please join us in voting yes.

Eric D. Rappe, SMS Campus Security
Dr. Jess Miller, MD
Dr. Nathan Bay, MD
Dr. Michael Grady, MD
Dr. Elizabeth Smith, MD
Dr. Julie Broyhill, MD
Daniel Briseno, SHS Campus Security

(This information furnished by Eliza Torlyn on behalf of Silver Falls Neighbors for Schools)

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Measure No. 24-486
Silver Falls School District No. 4J

Argument in Support:

Please Join the Silver Falls School Board in Supporting a Bright Future for our Kids!

As volunteer School Board Members, we know schools build stronger communities, which is why this November's Bond is so important for the future of our Silver Falls communities. Our community has always come together to invest in education. Better schools help build a stronger community, give our kids more opportunities to succeed, and increase the value of our homes.

This bond will raise \$138 million to repair & replace facilities — ensuring safer and healthier learning environments for our kids. Our district will also receive a **\$4 million grant** from the state if this bond passes, which adds even more funding for this effort.

Safer and Healthier Schools

The bond proposal will replace the **partially condemned** middle school and provide critical repairs throughout the district such as replacing necessary plumbing, sewer, heating, cooling, and electrical systems, so that our schools can be **maintained at a highly functioning level**.

Stronger Security

Students and teachers need to be safe while at school, which is why the bond will allow for improvements like **exterior entrance access security systems**, **functional** intercoms and emergency alert systems, and **functional** fire safety systems.

New Middle School

This bond will provide funding for a new middle school at the old Schlador Street campus, which has been partially condemned for decades. Aside from the high school, this campus is the largest in our district, housing nearly 500 students and staff.

Oversight

A Bond Oversight Committee made up of community members will oversee the project and approve fund allocation. Regular audits by the state are required as well.

Help us build a better future for our students. Join us in voting YES on Measure 24-486!

Jennifer Traeger, SFSD Board Chair
Aaron Koch
Joshua Ort
Derrick Foxworth Jr
Owen Von Flue
Tom Buckholtz

(This information furnished by Hilary Dumitrescu on behalf of Silver Falls Neighbors for Schools)

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Measure No. 24-486
Silver Falls School District No. 4J

Argument in Support:

Teachers, School Staff, and Principals are Voting YES on 24-486!

As teachers, staff, and principals in your neighborhood schools in Silver Falls, we go to work every day in these buildings and witness firsthand the condition of our schools and their impact on our students.

We are strongly urging you to vote for Measure 24-486.

By voting YES on Measure 24-486 this November, you will help our schools provide the safe and healthy environments kids need for a high-quality education. Your support will ensure our schools continue to thrive.

Measure 24-486 is Critical to Teaching and Learning

As educators, it is our mission every day to provide an excellent experience for the children in our care. It has become almost impossible to do with **constant interruptions** caused by the **failing environments and systems** in all of our schools. From flooded basements to failing heat and cooling systems, windows that won't open, and, in the case of Silverton Middle School, a **condemned campus core**, every school in our district needs care, maintenance, or replacement.

Security and Safety

Every day, you put your precious children in our care, and every day, we are concerned for their safety. The middle school, for example, has **41 separate external entrances**. This bond will provide necessary funding to make all of our school buildings secure and add safety features such as coded access, fire alarms and suppression, and functioning intercoms and security cameras.

EDUCATORS AND PRINCIPALS URGE YOU TO VOTE YES ON MEASURE 24-486 FOR BETTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS!

Leslie Roache, SFSD Director of Teaching and Learning
Sione Thompson, Principal, Silverton High School
Kevin Palmer, Principal, Butte Creek
Brett Davisson, Principal, Silverton Middle School
Melissa Linder-Cho, Principal, Pratum, Silvercrest
Kirsten Jorgensen, Principal, Scotts Mills
Jennifer Hannan, Principal, Sequoia Academy
Alison Stolfus, Teacher, Silverton High School
Taryn Wold, Principal, Central Howell
Jamie McCarty, Principal, Robert Frost
Jackie Renaud, Teacher, Silverton Middle School
Katie Beckett, Principal, Mark Twain
Silver Falls Education Association

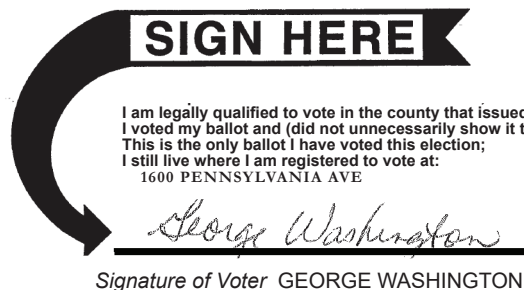
(This information furnished by Celeste Richardson on behalf of Silver Falls Neighbors for Schools)

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Ballot Return
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I am legally qualified to vote in the county that issued this ballot;
I voted my ballot and (did not unnecessarily show it to anyone);
This is the only ballot I have voted this election;
I still live where I am registered to vote at:
1600 PENNSYLVANIA AVE

Signature of Voter GEORGE WASHINGTON

Measure No. 24-494
St. Paul School District No. 45

Bonds for career technical and agricultural facility and facility upgrades

Question: Shall St. Paul School District issue \$3 million in bonds for career technical and agriculture facility and school facility upgrades?

If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Summary: St. Paul School District proposes a bond measure not to exceed \$3 million in principal amount and will receive state matching funds of \$3 million if the bonds are approved.

If approved, this measure would finance capital costs, including:

- Construction of a new Career Technical and Agriculture Educational Facility
 - demolition and/or re-purposing of existing agricultural science facility
- Renovation of food service facility
- Capital purchases of grounds maintenance equipment
- Safety and security improvements to district facilities, such as entryway cameras and automatic door locks
- Additional capital costs, including site improvements, demolition, furnishings, equipment, bond issuance cost

The District will establish a citizen oversight committee to ensure proceeds are used for purposes indicated and audits will be required.

Bonds may be issued in multiple series; each maturing within 21 years from issuance. The estimated annual levy rate associated with the bonds would be \$0.94 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Actual levy rate may differ due to final interest rates and changes in assessed value.

**NO ARGUMENTS
WERE FILED IN
SUPPORT OR IN
OPPOSITION TO THIS
MEASURE**

Measure No. 24-494
St. Paul School District No. 45

Explanatory Statement:

St. Paul School District serves approximately 240 students in north Marion County. The District has two schools, an elementary school (59 years old), and a middle/high school (71 years old), which were remodeled between 2008 and 2017 using local bond dollars braided with seismic grant funds that were awarded to the district. The Agricultural Sciences program is housed in a 71-year-old building. It was not included in earlier renovation projects and is not eligible for seismic funding because it is past its useful life as an instructional facility and has no air quality system in place.

The School Board refers bond measure, seeks community support:

The school board seeks voter approval of a \$3 million general obligation bond. The District will receive \$3 million matching OSCIM Grant funds from the State if bonds are approved.

Long-Range Facility Planning:

In 2015, community meetings were held to identify future priority capital projects. In addition, a facilities study was completed in 2020 which identified areas of need. These areas of need are aligned with the community priorities. This Long-Range Facility Plan was approved by the board that same year.

Community Priorities:

Based on community feedback and the Long-Range Facility Plan, two projects were identified: update the career and technical education (CTE) building which houses the Agricultural Sciences and CTE program and the renovation of the food services facility which is housed in the elementary school.

The CTE Program is accessed annually by more than 70% of the student population. Students earn college credit for several classes, such as horticulture and animal science. Other classes offered are Agriculture, Power and Technology, Ag Leadership, Ag Mechanics, and Woodworking.

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Measure No. 24-494
St. Paul School District No. 45

(Explanatory Statement continued:)

Concerns with the current educational facility:

- Safety - building is not seismically sound
- Outdated electrical
- Poor air quality
- Lack of space to keep program activities separate

Bonds would finance capital costs to fund the following improvements:

- Construct a replacement 6,400 square foot CTE/ Agricultural science building designed based on current and future program needs
- Demolish and/or repurpose existing agricultural science facility
- Renovate the existing food service facility and replace aging equipment
- Replace grounds maintenance equipment
- Make safety and security improvements to District facilities
- Additional capital costs, including site improvements, demolition, furnishings, equipment, bond issuance costs

The District has identified a team of 16 community members, board members, and staff to serve on a local bond oversight committee. The committee will monitor progress and ensure proceeds are used for purposes indicated.

Bonds may be issued in multiple series; each maturing within 21 years from issuance. The estimated average increase over the current fiscal year 2023 bond tax rate is \$0.94 per \$1,000 assessed property value, with a combined tax rate of \$3.90 per \$1,000 assessed property value. Actual levy rates may differ due to changes in interest rates and assessed value.

Information Submitted by:

Joe Wehrli
Superintendent
St. Paul School District No. 45

VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

To be eligible to vote in the November 7, 2023, Special Election, a completed voter registration card must be on file with the Marion County Clerk by no later than 5:00 pm, October 17, 2023.

YOU MAY REGISTER TO VOTE IF:

- You are a citizen of the United States
- You are at least 16 years of age (you may vote if you will be 18 years of age or older on election day)
- You are a resident of Oregon

YOU MUST RE-REGISTER TO VOTE IF:

- Your residence or mailing address changes
- Your name changes
- You wish to change party affiliation

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

When you receive your ballot packet in the mail, immediately examine it to make certain it is complete. It should contain the following items:

- A printed ballot on which you may vote
- A “secrecy” sleeve with instructions printed on it
- A pre-addressed ballot return envelope in which to return your ballot

If any items are missing, contact the Marion County Clerk’s Office at 503.588.5041, and a replacement ballot packet will be sent to you.

VOTING & CORRECTING YOUR BALLOT

If you make an error on your ballot, spoil it in any way, or lose it, you may obtain a replacement ballot by contacting the Marion County Clerk’s Office at 503.588.5041.

RETURNING YOUR VOTED BALLOT

- Follow the instructions on the “secrecy” sleeve
- Fold your ballot along the pre-scored folds and insert it into the optional “secrecy” sleeve (if desired)
- Insert ballot (or ballot and “secrecy” sleeve) into the ballot return envelope
- SEAL the ballot return envelope and SIGN the statement on the back of the envelope
- Mail or place the return envelope in an Official Ballot Drop Box

Your ballot will not be counted if your ballot return envelope is not signed.

Measure No. 24-488
Aurora Rural Fire Protection District

Five Year Levy for Maintaining Current 24/7 Staffing and Operations.

Question: Shall District replace rate with \$1.51 per \$1000 of assessed value for 5 years beginning 2024, maintaining current staffing 24/7? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

Summary: Aurora Fire is seeking a five-year local option tax to maintain current operations without hiring additional staff. Levy increase will keep current career EMTs/Firefighters on duty 24/7. Without levy the District will lay off half of current staff, and 24/7 coverage from career firefighters will end. The District currently has funding for two firefighters per 24 hours, this is below national standards of staffing of a three person minimum crew.

AFD responds to roughly 1300 emergencies a year, the amount of calls has stretched current resources thin. Demands on volunteers have become increasingly difficult to balance. We can no longer rely on a volunteer response due to increased demand. This levy replaces the current rate of \$0.99.

The proposed rate will raise approximately \$1,620,176 in 2024-25; \$1,668,782 in 2025-26; \$1,718,845 in 2026-27; \$1,770,411 in 2027-28; and \$1,823,523 in 2028-29.

**NO ARGUMENTS
WERE FILED IN
OPPOSITION TO THIS
MEASURE**

Measure No. 24-488
Aurora Rural Fire Protection District

Explanatory Statement:

Quick facts

- Without a levy increase we will lay off half or more (3-4) of our current career firefighters
- Without a levy increase we will no longer have the ability to provide 24/7 response with career firefighters
- This levy does not add any additional staffing
- Volunteer numbers continue to decrease nationwide
- Response times will be impacted
- We are looking at all of our options, including mergers, consolidation, and/or contracts for services from neighboring agencies.

Responding to around 1,300 emergencies per year, AFD provides Firefighting, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to residents within 64 square miles of Marion and Clackamas Counties. We protect the Cities of Aurora and Donald as well as the Aurora Airport, portions of Champoeg State Park, and Interstate 5.

This levy would allow us to keep our current career EMT/Firefighters. We have now reached the point where we can no longer rely on a volunteer response. This levy will replace the current rate of 99 cents, making the new levy amount \$1.51 per \$1000 of assessed value. This represents a 52 cent increase.

With the failure of our request in May to hire additional firefighters, we are asking our voters to allow us to keep the staffing that we currently have. Currently, there are two career firefighters on duty 24/7, which is below national standards. With this request, we are attempting to maintain our current firefighters 24/7. We have simply become too busy with the limited personnel we have.

The District has a small group of qualified volunteers who serve in all positions from duty officer to our newest recruit; however, time demands on volunteer firefighters have reached a point where it is difficult to recruit and, more importantly, retain volunteers. Family life, job requirements, and increased emergency calls have changed the face of the fire service both nationwide and locally. Ask yourself this: Do you have the time to volunteer?

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Measure No. 24-488
Aurora Rural Fire Protection District

(Explanatory Statement continued:)

The District recruits volunteers who live and/or work within the community and can respond to emergency calls. We also recruit 'out of district' volunteers who may live anywhere throughout the Willamette Valley and sign up for shifts (generally 8-24 hours in length) in Aurora or Donald.

Our student program exists to provide staffing and a career path to college students. The District strives to maintain six student firefighters and place them on shifts (currently helping to ensure a staffed fire engine). When recruited, these students are among the newest and most inexperienced members.

Information Submitted by:

Joshua L. Williams
Fire Chief
Aurora Fire District

**How to Contact the Marion County
Clerk - Elections Department**



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503.588.5041
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1.800.735.2900

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Office Hours are

**8:30 am to 5:00 pm,
Monday - Friday**

**Election Day, November 7th,
7:00 am to 8:00 pm**

Measure No. 24-488
Aurora Rural Fire Protection District

Argument in Support:

Dear Voters of Aurora Fire District,

We need your help to maintain the current level of Fire and Emergency Medical Services that you have come to rely on. Aurora Fire District responds to approximately 1,300 emergency calls annually, providing Firefighting, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services to residents within 64 square miles of Marion and Clackamas Counties. Our coverage area includes the Cities of Aurora and Donald, 91 and North Marion Schools, Aurora and Lendhart Airports, portions of Champoeg State Park, and Interstate 5.

Unfortunately, our request to hire additional firefighters failed by four votes in May, so now we ask you, the voters, to approve this levy to maintain our current staffing level. Currently, we have two career firefighters on duty 24/7. If the levy doesn't pass, we will have to lay off half our current career firefighters, and will no longer be able to provide 24/7 responses.

Volunteer firefighter numbers continue to decline nationwide. Although we have a small group of dedicated volunteers who serve in all positions, from duty officer to our newest student recruit, it has become challenging to recruit and, most importantly, retain them. Family life, job requirements, and increased emergency calls have changed the face of fire service nationally and locally. We ask you to consider this: Do you have the time to volunteer?

Passing this levy would allow us to keep our current career EMT/Firefighters. The new levy of \$1.51 per \$1,000 assessed value represents a .52 cent increase, replacing the current rate of .99 cents. Without passage, response times may be impacted.

Your Board of Directors is exploring all options, including mergers and consolidation, but we would prefer Aurora Fire District remain independent.

We kindly ask for your help in ensuring the continued 24/7 protection of our communities by your local first responders and fire district. Please vote in favor of this levy and help us help you.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors, Aurora Fire District

(This information furnished by Debra Garner on behalf of Aurora Fire District #63)

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Measure No. 24-488
Aurora Rural Fire Protection District

Argument in Support:

Dear Voters,

We are your neighbors, your co-workers, your friends and family. We work hard to make ends meet, earn a living, and care for our families. While many of us work careers elsewhere, we devote our time to study, train, and respond to our community in their time of need whenever the call for help comes in. We are the District 63 Volunteer Firefighters.

The many challenges and growth our region has experienced have placed a burden on all of us, but it is important that we ask you to vote for this levy to allow us to continue serving. The reality we face today is that, without your help, our fire district will not be able to meet the demand on its own. Without your help, we will have to rely on other agencies to pick up the slack. That means longer response times, increased risk to responders, and less control over how we want our community protected.

Our volunteers are very honored to serve and would love to be able respond to every call, but these difficult times don't allow us the privilege. We need our career staff to answer the call when we cannot, and to support us when we can. With your help, the fire district can maintain existing staffing and continue our work as safely and effectively as possible.

Please support this levy and allow us to continue providing this important service for our community. Whether paid or volunteer, we are all equally proud of the job we do for you and hope that we can have the means to continue.

Respectfully,

District 63 Volunteer Firefighters

(This information furnished by Matthew M. Bathke on behalf of District 63 Firefighters)

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Measure No. 24-488
Aurora Rural Fire Protection District

Argument in Support:

Citizens of Aurora Fire District,

The Aurora Fire District Career Firefighters wish to express our strong and unwavering support for Local Option Levy 24-488, which we believe is crucial for ensuring the safety and well-being of our community.

As Career Firefighters, our primary mission is to protect and serve the residents of Aurora, Butteville, Donald, and surrounding areas. We take immense pride in our commitment to this profession, and our dedication to safeguarding lives and property remains unwavering. However, we can only fulfill this duty effectively when we have the necessary resources and support from our community.

Local Option Levy 24-488 represents an opportunity to invest in the future of our fire district. By approving this levy, we can secure the funding required to maintain the level of service we provide to our community. This levy will enable us to maintain current staffing, thus ensuring we continue to have 24/7 coverage to respond to emergencies promptly.

By voting “YES” on Local Option Levy 24-488, you are helping to ensure that the community served by Aurora Fire District remains a safe and resilient place to live, work, and raise families.

We understand that every dollar counts, and we do not take lightly the responsibility of asking our community for support. We assure you the funds generated by this levy will be used efficiently and transparently to meet the needs of the fire district.

Please join us in supporting the safety of our community by voting “YES” for Local Option Levy 24-488. Your support is vital, and it will make a significant difference in our ability to continue providing the high level of fire and emergency services that the citizens of Aurora Fire District have come to expect.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and ongoing support.

Sincerely,

Aurora Fire District Career Firefighters

(This information furnished by Tanner Burke)

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Measure No. 24-488
Aurora Rural Fire Protection District

Argument in Support:

Dear Aurora Fire District Voters,

I am writing to ask your support for the Aurora Fire District levy to allow for continued staffing. For over 45 years Woodburn Ambulance Service has worked in close partnership with Aurora Fire District to provide excellent emergency medical services and ambulance transport to those in need. The demands of ever increased training, more calls, and shifting demographics make it harder and harder to recruit volunteers for this important first response. The levy will allow for Aurora to maintain current staffing and assure a first response is available 24/7.

As your paramedic ambulance provider we are fortunate to have highly trained volunteer and career staff assistance within Aurora Fire District on emergency medical calls. We train together, share the same physician medical director, and often respond together. We urge you to support this level of response by voting yes on measure 24-488.

Sincerely,
Shawn Baird, Paramedic
CEO, Woodburn Ambulance Service

(This information furnished by Shawn Baird on behalf of Woodburn Ambulance)

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Measure No. 24-489

Idanha-Detroit Rural Fire Protection District

Five year local option levy for emergency service operation staffing

Question: Shall the district impose \$0.68 per \$1,000 assessed value beginning 2024 for five years, for continued emergency service operation. This measure renews current local option taxes.

Summary: The Idanha-Detroit Rural Fire Protection District Board of Directors determined the need to request additional funding to provide fire and emergency medical service operations.

The Fire District Board desires to be good stewards of tax payer money while providing the best possible service for our communities. With existing revenues failing to fund adequate operations, the Board decided to ask the taxpayers to renew the five year local option levy in order to maintain the proper level of emergency response service.

The revenue from the passing of the operational levy will be used to maintain the current staffing of two (2), 40 hour a week medic / firefighters during the peak season May 15 - September 30. This would allow for the quick response of personnel to suppress fire, save lives and property.

The proposed rate of \$0.68 would generate approximately \$42,701.00 in 2024-2025, \$43,982.00 in 2025-2026, \$45,301.00 in 2026-2027, \$46,660.00 in 2027-2028 and \$48,059.00 in 2028-2029 for a total of \$226,703.00 over the five years.

**NO ARGUMENTS
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MEASURE**

Measure No. 24-489

Idanha-Detroit Rural Fire Protection District

Explanatory Statement:

This levy option would be a continuation of a levy option that has been in place for five years and is not an additional tax. This levy would assist with the funding of general operations, District business, as well as bolster 9-1-1 emergency response.

The District regularly seeks other sources of revenue such as grants but none of those sources will pay for operations in general. We have been able to purchase personal protective equipment and supplies through grants. This operational levy is intended to pay for staffing.

The Idanha-Detroit Fire District was established in 1954 when the timber industry was prosperous. At the same time the District was only responsible for suppression of fire. Today, Idanha-Detroit Fire District provides structure fire and wildland fire suppression, motor vehicle crash response, hazardous materials response, and emergency medical services. Emergency medical and rescue services are a majority of the missions to the citizens of Idanha and Detroit. The demand for this service is ever increasing. There is no funding mechanism other than the option levy that will help with sustaining operations.

Information Submitted by:
Laura Harris
Office Administrator
Idanha-Detroit Fire District

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1 Complete your ballot

To vote, completely fill in the box next to your choice.



2 Check for errors

- You do not have to vote on all contests. Those you do vote on will still count.
- If you vote for more options than are allowed, your vote **will not count** for that contest.
- If you think you made a mistake, call the Marion County Elections Office.

3 Using the optional "Secrecy" sleeve

If you use the optional "Secrecy" sleeve, put only your voted ballot inside. Then, put only your "Secrecy" sleeve inside your return envelope.



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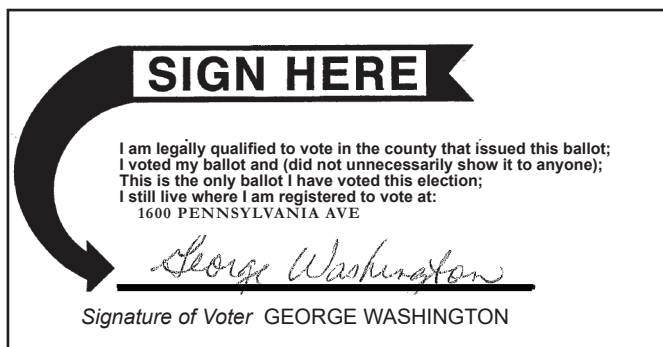
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Measure No. 24-487

Jefferson Rural Fire Protection District

Five-Year Local Option Levy Tax for Operations

Question: 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: Jefferson Rural Fire Protection District provides ambulance and fire response within an 87 square mile area in Marion and Linn Counties. The elected Board of Directors conducted a review of the facilities, apparatus, and staffing to identify District needs.

If adopted the District would use tax revenue to replace a 2004 ambulance, add emergency personnel for 24-hour coverage, and cover increased operating costs.

The Board is asking the voters to approve a \$0.81 per thousand tax levy for the next five years beginning July 1, 2024, and expiring June 30, 2029.

Homeowners with an assessed property valuation of \$200,000.00 would pay \$162.00 in property taxes.

The measure would raise approximately \$677,017.00 in 2024-25, \$690,557.00 in 2025-26, \$704,368.00 in 2026-27, \$718,456.00 in 2027-28 and \$732,825.00 in 2028-29, for a total of \$3,523,223.

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Measure No. 24-487

Jefferson Rural Fire Protection District

Explanatory Statement:

Jefferson Rural Fire Protection District provides ambulance, EMS and fire response within an 87 square mile area in Marion and Linn Counties with fire stations in Jefferson, Millersburg, and Talbot. Jefferson Fire District has seen an increase in services used over the last several years. In 2019 voters passed a five-year local option tax levy to cover the increase in cost, but the Local Option Levy expires June 30, 2024.

The Board conducted a review of the facilities, apparatus, and staffing to identify the immediate and long-term needs of the Fire District. It was determined that replacing the aging facilities and equipment would require 14.5 million dollars. The Board of Directors has started addressing these needs of the Fire District but realizes it can't be done all at once. A five-year local option tax provides the most flexibility to address facility maintenance, operational costs, apparatus and staffing needs. In 2019 the voters passed a five-year local option tax and replaced an Ambulance, purchased one new tender to replace two 1982 tenders, increased facility and apparatus maintenance, and made improvements to the part-time staffing. The current five-year local option tax expires June 30, 2024. The Board of Directors wants to continue addressing the needs of the Fire District. Operational costs have increased over the last five years and so have our calls for service.

If adopted the Fire District would use tax revenue to replace a 2004 Ambulance, add additional Firefighter/Paramedics to ensure 24-hour coverage and to help staff the second Ambulance as needed. We will continue to maintain apparatus readiness, facility maintenance, cover the increase in operational costs, and plan for the future of Jefferson Fire District.

The Board of Directors is asking the voters to approve a \$0.81 per thousand tax levy for the next five years beginning July 1, 2024, and expiring June 30, 2029. The measure would raise approximately \$677,017.00 in 2024-25, \$690,557.00 in 2025-26, \$704,368.00 in 2026-27, \$718,456.00 in 2027-28 and \$732,825.00 in 2028-29, for a total of \$3,523,223.

Homeowners with a tax assessed property valuation of \$200,000.00 would pay \$162.00 in property taxes.

Information Submitted by:

Levi Eckhardt

Fire Chief

Jefferson Rural Fire Protection District

Measure No. 24-487
Jefferson Rural Fire Protection District

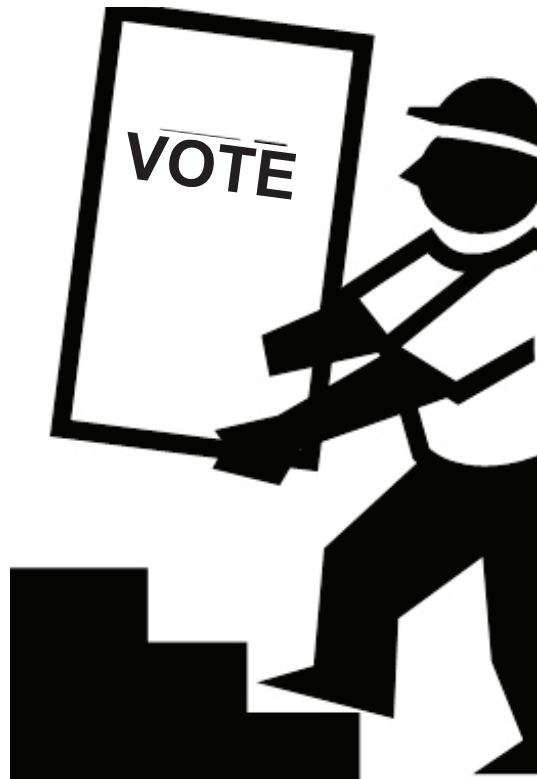
Argument in Support:

I support the passage of Measure 24-487, Jefferson Rural Fire Protection District Five-year Local Option Tax for Operations. On July 1, 2017, I was hired by Special Districts of Oregon as Interim Fire Chief after Chief Zeilman's retirement. However, in September 2017, the fire district was informed the City of Millersburg was withdrawing from the fire district causing an annual loss of \$250,000.00 in revenue effective July 1, 2018. A few years later the Ambulance Service Area for the City of Millersburg transitioned from Jefferson Rural Fire Protection District to Albany Fire Department causing another \$50,000.00 annual loss in revenue. The Board of directors went through several meetings on how to adjust the budget and continue services. In the fiscal Year 2018-19 budget there were several budget items reduced or eliminated to compensate for the revenue loss. The Jefferson Rural Fire Protection District has always been fiscally conservative, and it was a difficult decision to ask the voters in 2019 to pass a Five-year Local Option Tax for Operations. That Five-year Local Option Tax ends June 30 but the expenses of the fire district do not. Demands for service keep going, costs keep going up and volunteerism is declining nationwide. The JRFPD Board of Directors was once again faced with the difficult decision to ask the voters for another Five-year Local Option Tax for Operations. The goal is to increase full-time staffing and utilize cross-staffing methods to increase the availability of the second ambulance and augment fire apparatus if needed. During community meetings in 2018, the consensus was the need to maintain the ambulance service in the fire district. Money from the measure will also be used to replace the 2004 ambulance and provide funding for facility and apparatus maintenance. In the last five years, the fire district budget addressed needs, not wants. Now Jefferson Rural Fire Protection District NEEDS your support to pass Measure 24-487.

Kevin Hendricks
Fire Chief Retired

(This information furnished by Anthony S. Carter on behalf of Friends of Jefferson Fire District)

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If you get a letter questioning your signature, you MUST respond. If you do not respond, your ballot will not be counted, your voter registration will be inactivated, and you will not receive a ballot for the next election.

Measure No. 24-490
Keizer Fire District

Five-Year Local Option Tax Levy for Operations

Question: Shall District impose \$0.99 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: Keizer Rural Fire Protection District's current local option levy of \$0.59 per \$1,000 of assessed value expires June 30, 2024. This measure will replace the current levy with a new five-year levy at the rate of \$0.99 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The new levy would start July 1, 2024, after the current levy expires.

If adopted, the District will use the tax revenue from this measure to continue to operate the District at its present level of service and continue to improve current operations. Revenue from this levy would allow the District to increase staffing to meet growing demands on District services caused by increasing emergency call volume. The revenue would also help address rising costs of fuel, medical supplies, and other materials needed for operation. In summary, the levy would allow the District 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.

The first year of this new five-year levy would be fiscal year 2024-2025. The proposed rate will raise approximately \$2,762,998 in 2024-2025; \$2,843,128 in 2025-2026; \$2,925,588 in 2026-2027; \$3,097,763 in 2027-2028; and \$3,187,620 in 2028-2029, for a total of \$14,817,097.

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Measure No. 24-490
Keizer Fire District

Explanatory Statement:

The Keizer Fire District relies on a five-year local option levy to meet the demand for services in the Fire District. The current local option levy expires in June 2024. As a result, the Board of Directors has voted unanimously to ask voters to approve a five-year operating levy at the rate of \$.99 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Keizer Fire District relies on levy funding to sustain emergency services. Without levy funding, emergency service levels will be greatly reduced. Revenue from this levy would allow the Fire District to meet growing demands on Fire District services caused by increasing call volume. The revenue would also address the rising cost of fuel, medical supplies, and other materials needed for operation.

In 2022, the Fire District had 6,469 emergency responses, compared to 3,736 in 2012. This represents a 73% increase since the last levy rate adjustment in 2013. Over 80% of those responses were Emergency Medical Services (EMS) related. Fires, rescues, and calls for assistance accounted for the remaining calls. In emergency situations, such as fire or cardiac arrest, the Fire District responded in less than six minutes 92.7% of the time. Positive outcomes are diminished with extended response times. The Fire District requires levy funding for continued operations to meet this level of demand. Without sufficient levy funding, service levels will decrease and response times will increase.

Keizer Fire District is a Special District, a separate unit of government with its own tax base, not a part of a city or a county government. Formed in 1948 by a vote of the people, it is governed by an elected Board of Directors, who reside in the Fire District. As representatives of the Fire District's residents, their responsibility is to make policy decisions that ensure the highest level of fire, emergency medical, and life safety are provided in the most cost-effective manner. Keizer Fire District is staffed by forty-two career and ten volunteer personnel.

The Keizer Fire District Board of Directors is asking Keizer Fire District residents to replace the expiring five-year local option levy of \$.59 per \$1,000 of assessed value with a new five-year local option levy of \$.99 per \$1,000. A "Yes" vote would provide funding for the Fire District to increase the level of service to meet the increasing number of calls for service. It would provide additional staffing to respond to your emergency and other needs of the community and cover the cost of providing 9-1-1 communications as required by law. Even with the approval of this levy, Keizer Fire District will continue to remain at a lower tax rate for Fire and EMS services than the City of Salem or Marion County Fire District.

Information Submitted by:
Ryan Russell
Fire Chief
Keizer Fire District

Measure No. 24-490
Keizer Fire District

Argument in Support:

Please Support Your Fire District

Friends, my name is Ryan Russell and I have the honor of serving as your Fire Chief. The Keizer Fire District is coming to you with a critical vote to ensure we can respond to your emergency. As you know, Keizer is growing and inflation is hitting everyone. We must adapt.

More growth means more 9-1-1 calls for life-saving responses, and if we are underfunded, our arrival will be delayed. This cannot happen.

What the New Measure Does

The measure enacts a modest increase. Our estimates show that the new levy would cost the average Keizer property owner around \$19 a month. However, this is a small adjustment to maintain our existing response times.

How the New Measure Will Keep Our Community Safe

When voters approve the levy, Keizer Fire will put the dollars to great use. Here are our plans:

1. Hire a Fire and Life Safety Specialist,
2. Strengthen current staffing levels to meet the population increases,
3. Add four firefighters/paramedics to the team,
4. Continue to maintain critical, life-saving materials,
5. Keep our response to six minutes or less.

We Need Your Support

When I became Fire Chief, I swore an oath to protect our community to the best of my ability. I can continue to uphold my oath **only with your support and** with the proper resources and funding.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at theyanrussell@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Ryan Russell, Chief
Keizer Fire District

(This information furnished by Ryan Russell on behalf of Keizer Fire District)

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Measure No. 24-490
Keizer Fire District

Argument in Support:

Dear Neighbors,

I'm writing this to you to express my sincerest support for the Keizer Fire District's new operating levy and I wholeheartedly hope that you will join me in backing this crucial measure. During two separate medical emergencies I had, paramedic staff from the Keizer Fire District embodied the values we want from our local emergency service.

The Keizer Fire District Paramedics Go Beyond the Call of Duty

On one occasion, when a medical emergency occurred, the paramedics from the Keizer Fire District arrived with remarkable speed. Their kind and caring approach provided both physical and emotional support, making a challenging situation more bearable. Further, when we arrived at the emergency room, they ensured I had someone from the hospital to attend to me before they left.

In another instance, I required support from Keizer Fire paramedics. And again, they arrived with such speed and professionalism.

I cannot overstate the kindness I received from the paramedics during both occasions. I could tell they genuinely cared for my wellness.

This Small Cost Will Bring Immense Reassurance To Our Community

I understand that we live in an uncertain time financially. However, what I can assure you all is the price of the new levy is small compared to the high-quality emergency services it will bring.

Please vote 'Yes' for the Keizer Fire District's new operating levy. Without this levy, we risk losing the rapid and compassionate assistance that has made a profound difference in the lives of many, including mine.

Sincerely,

Carol Doerfler

(This information furnished by Carol A. Doerfler)

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Measure No. 24-490
Keizer Fire District

Argument in Support:

The Keizer Fire District Needs This Levy

My Dear Neighbors,

I'm taking a moment to express my heartfelt support for the Keizer Fire District's new operating levy, and I wholeheartedly hope that you will consider joining me in backing this crucial measure. As someone who has been helped a number of times by Keizer Fire, I have experienced their generosity, devotion, and thoughtfulness firsthand.

Having spent numerous years in our cherished town, I've witnessed its transformation and growth. With these changes, it has become increasingly clear that we must adapt to ensure the continued safety and well-being of our residents.

This is why the passage of this levy is of such paramount significance, especially in the context of the assisted and independent living communities.

Every Member of the Keizer Fire District is Caring, Thoughtful, and Professional

When I needed assistance, members of the Keizer Fire District arrived with remarkable speed and expertise. No matter the situation, they took great care in ensuring my health and well-being.

I understand that in these times, we must be mindful of our finances. However, the cost of this new levy is a small price to pay for the peace of mind that it brings. Knowing that our fire department is well-equipped and ready to respond quickly is a comfort beyond measure, especially for those in independent or assisted living situations.

Their plans to rehire specialists, bolster their staff, and maintain their commitment to swift response times demonstrate their unwavering dedication to the safety and well-being of our community.

Please consider voting 'Yes' for the Keizer Fire District's new operating levy. Without the levy, we risk a great loss for our community. This is why I am asking for your support.

With heartfelt gratitude of the men and women of the Keizer Fire District,

Doris Johnson

(This information furnished by Doris M Johnson)

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Measure No. 24-490
Keizer Fire District

Argument in Support:

Citizens of Keizer Fire District,

Keizer Professional Firefighters asks for your support with a vote of **YES on Measure 24-490**. Our goal is always to provide you with the best emergency services possible in your time of need. In order to meet these critical needs, we must have enough firefighters and paramedics to respond to the increasing call volume. Keizer Fire District has not increased our operating levy in a decade, however we have seen a 73% increase in call volume. In 2022 alone, Keizer Fire responded to 6,469 calls for service. We are no longer able to find creative ways to stretch your tax dollars and keep up with the pace of growth in emergency calls. We are asking the public to **vote yes** for an operating levy of 99 cents per thousand of assessed value.

Passing this levy will add several new firefighter/paramedics and keep up with the increasing cost of supplies, equipment, maintenance and fuel. This allows us to staff more emergency apparatus and increase our coverage capabilities. It also provides resources for us to continue growing, as the population of Keizer rises over the next 5 years.

If this levy does not pass, we will face layoffs and a decrease in emergency response availability. There will be fewer staffed ambulances and fire engines. A decrease in personnel means it may take longer for an ambulance to reach you in your time of need. This also means it may take longer to get a staffed fire engine on scene if your house is on fire. In our line of work, time is very precious. The faster we can get to you, the better the outcome of your emergency. The effects of this reduction in service could be catastrophic, personally and as a community.

We appreciate the opportunity to serve the wonderful citizens of Keizer. Please **VOTE YES on Measure 24-490**.

Sincerely,

Christina Wilson

Keizer Professional Firefighters Local 3881

(This information furnished by Christina Wilson on behalf of Keizer Professional Firefighters Local 3881)

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**Measure No. 24-490
Keizer Fire District**

Argument in Support:

Vote 'Yes' For Measure 24-490

Dear Keizer Community,

We, the Board of Directors of the Keizer Fire Board, are urging your support for the new operating levy for the Keizer Fire District. The Board voted unanimously to send this to you because the proposed levy is critical to ensure the safety of our community.

The Measure Will Support Community Safety

Yes, the measure will slightly increase taxes, but it will provide so much in return to our community:

- 1) four more firefighters/paramedics,
- 2) a Fire and Life Safety Specialist,
- 3) important safety materials, and
- 4) the ability to keep response times short.

The Keizer Fire District responds to every fire and medical emergency with skill and dedication, saving countless lives and limiting damage to property.

Without This Levy, The Keizer Fire District Will Suffer

Keizer Fire District relies on levy funding to operate. Our current levy supports our operations and is expiring. We fear that without the new levy, our community will be at risk. The operating environment has changed since the expiring levy was passed. Keizer is growing rapidly and more apartment complexes spring up every year, adding more to Keizer Fire District's plate.

Without the support of an operating levy, the district will have to make cuts to its staff. This will leave our community in a terrible position.

We are asking you to please vote for this measure so that Keizer Fire District can continue to keep your family and friends safe.

Thank you,

President, Joe Van Meter

Director, Betty Hart

Director, Kevin Clark

Director, Louis Risewick

Director, Colleen Busch

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(This information furnished by Joe Van Meter on behalf of Keizer Fire Board)

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**Measure No. 24-493
Marion County Fire District #1**

Tax Levy for Staffing Two Dedicated Emergency Response Fire Engines.

Question: Shall MCFD#1 levy taxes of \$0.99 per \$1,000 of assessed value for five-years beginning 2024-2025 for fire engine staffing? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

Summary: Marion County Fire District No.1 is proposing a replacement levy of \$0.99 per \$1,000 during the November Election. The levy would fund the staffing of two fire and emergency response engines for five years and reduce response times. For a property with an assessed value of \$300,000, the cost is \$297.00 per year or \$24.75 a month.

Marion County Fire District No.1 is not part of, nor does it receive funding from any city, county, or state government. It is considered a separate taxing authority. More information on the replacement levy can be found at www.mcf1.com.

Levy proceeds will be used to staff two dedicated fire and emergency response engines beginning Fiscal Year 2024 and would raise an estimated \$3,859,300 in 2024-2025; \$3,975,079 in 2025-2026; \$4,094,331 in 2026-2027; \$4,217,161 in 2027-2028; and \$4,343,676 in 2028-2029.

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 estimate and may reflect the impact of early prepayment discounts, compression, and the collection rate.

**NO ARGUMENTS
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OPPOSITION TO THIS
MEASURE**

**Measure No. 24-493
Marion County Fire District #1**

Explanatory Statement:

The Board of Directors for Marion County Fire District No.1 (the Fire District) voted on July 20th, 2023, to place a replacement local option levy in the amount of \$0.99 per \$1,000 of assessed value on the November 7, 2023 ballot.

Who does the District serve?

Marion County Fire District No.1 serves approximately 59,000 people over 88 square miles, including the communities of Four Corners, Middle Grove, Pratum, Macleay, Brooks, Clear Lake, Lake Labish, and Chemeketa. It provides fire suppression, emergency medical services, ambulance transport, rescue services, and fire prevention services. The Fire District has 70 employees and 53 volunteers who responded to 9,848 emergency calls in 2022. Calls for service have increased 31% over the past 3 years.

How is the District Funded & Staffed?

The District is not part of, nor does it receive funding from county or state government. It is a separate taxing "Special District," providing emergency services to the community since 1939.

MCFD No.1 is funded through a permanent property tax rate of \$1.90 per thousand assessed value. In 2008, voters approved a 16-year bond measure for the purchase of fire and EMS vehicles and station improvements, that was paid off early, in 2022. State law prohibits the use of bond funds for operational expenses.

In 2021, as call volumes continued to grow, voters approved a levy of \$0.59 per \$1,000 assessed property value for one dedicated Fire Engine. Since then, inflationary costs and emergency calls for service have increased rapidly. The District was fortunate enough to also receive a 3-year Federal Grant for staffing of a dedicated engine company at the Four Corners Fire Station, which will run out in February 2025.

Before July 2020, the District had the ability to provide fire and EMS response engines to assist our public while the ambulances transported patients. Voters in 2020 were paying a total of \$2.94/\$1,000 in taxes to the District, the taxes with the proposed levy would be \$2.89/\$1,000, a net savings of \$0.05/\$1,000 from 3 years ago.

How would levy funds be used?

While maintaining emergency response services would remain the top priority of MCFD No.1 if the levy is not approved; the Fire District will not be able to fully meet the increasing emergency response demand. This will result in longer response times for emergencies and a reduction in the number of staffed response units.

For more information go to www.mcf1.com or contact Fire Chief Kyle McMann at (503) 588-6535 or kylem@mcf1.com.

Information Submitted by:

Ron Lee

Deputy Fire Chief

Marion County Fire District No. 1

**Measure No. 24-493
Marion County Fire District #1**

Argument in Support:

Vote YES on Measure 24-493

Marion County Fire District #1 has served our community since 1939. This special district covers approximately 59,000 people over 88 square miles, including the communities of Four Corners, Middle Grove, Pratum, Macleay, Brooks, Clear Lake, Lake Labish, and Chemeketa.

Increasing Calls for Service

Our world has changed significantly since 2020, and the world of emergency services is no different. In 2021, voters approved a levy to support Marion County Fire District #1. Since that time, calls for service have risen 30%. Federal funding for 9 personnel will sunset in February of 2025 – a 17% cut of on duty personnel.

Replacement Levy – Not a New Levy

We are committed to providing timely service, and to do that, MCFD#1 needs to pass measure 24-493. This is a replacement levy, not a stacking one. If this \$0.99 levy passes, voters will pay less than they did in 2022, when they were paying off the bond and previous levy. In fact, if passed, the average homeowner would only pay \$297 a year.

If this levy does not pass, we will continue to work hard for our residents, but response times will increase. We will have “swing companies” at two stations where if the crew is out at a medical call, there is no one available to respond to a fire. This is a dangerous position for our community.

A YES vote on measure 24-493 will stabilize funding for the district and will let us have full staffing at all stations.

Vote Yes, Save Lives

With increased calls for service, expiring federal funds and a fire season that keeps coming earlier each year, our fire fighters are stretched thin. We need this replacement levy to continue providing the service our community deserves.

*(This information furnished by Juan Deleon, President,
on behalf of Local 2557, Marion County Professional Firefighters)*

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**Measure No. 24-493
Marion County Fire District #1**

Argument in Support:

As board members of Marion County Fire District #1, our first priority is to ensure residents receive the highest quality care for the most affordable cost. We have our financials audited every year and consistently pass independent review.

When we referred a levy to you in 2021, we were not fully aware of the long-term impacts of the pandemic or the economic impacts. Since you, the voters, graciously passed that levy, things have dramatically changed.

- Calls for service have increased 30%
- More people have moved into our over 88 square mile service area
- Federal funding for 9 firefighters and EMTs will expire in February of 2025. This means a loss of 17% of our on-duty personnel.
- Inflation has increased by 9%

MCFD#1 Needs Measure 24-493!

While our crews provide the best service they can, these factors are and will continue to stretch them thin, increasing wait times and potentially risking lives.

That is why we have brought measure 24-493 to your ballot. This is a replacement levy, meaning that it will not stack, but replace the previous levy. Because we paid off the bond a couple of years early, if this \$0.99 levy passes, voters will pay less than they did in 2022. In fact, if passed, the average homeowner would only pay \$297 a year, or less than \$25 a month.

Marion County Fire District #1 has served our community since 1939. We receive no funding from other governments, like the county or the state. We as residents, pay for the services we receive. Our Fire District needs this levy to continue offering the services our community has been accustomed to receiving.

Please vote YES on Measure 24-493 by November 7th.

More information can be found at www.mcfid1.com.

*(This information furnished by Michael Welter, Board President,
on behalf of Marion County Fire District #1)*

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The Latest from USPS

What is Informed Delivery?

Informed Delivery® is a new consumer-facing feature offered by USPS® that provides users with digital previews of their household mail arriving soon.

Informed Delivery® is free and makes mail more convenient by allowing users to view what is coming to their mailbox whenever and wherever - even while traveling, on a computer, tablet or mobile device.

To automate the sortation and delivery of mail, the United States Postal Service® (USPS) digitally images the front of letter-size mailpieces that run through automation equipment. USPS is now using those images to provide digital notifications to users in advance of the delivery of physical mail.

How does Informed Delivery® work? What will I see?

Informed Delivery allows users to interact with their incoming mail and packages in one convenient, online location. Users receive emails containing images of the exterior, address side of incoming letter-size mailpieces. These images are also accessible on the Informed Delivery® dashboard at informedelivery.usps.com. Some mailpieces (e.g., catalogues or magazines) may not be imaged by the automation equipment.

Users can also provide delivery instructions to USPS, manage their notifications, and schedule redelivery from the dashboard. Users can also receive USPS tracking updates for incoming packages via separate email or text notifications. The dashboard displays mailpiece images for a seven-day period.

What does Informed Delivery® cost consumers?

The feature is provided at no additional cost for all Informed Delivery® users.

Where is Informed Delivery® currently offered?

Informed Delivery® is now available to eligible residential consumers in the majority of ZIP Codes™ across the country. You can use the ZIP Code lookup tool on informedelivery.usps.com to see if Informed Delivery® is offered in your area.

Who is able to use Informed Delivery® and are there limitations on participation?

The United States Postal Service® currently provides the feature for delivery points in eligible ZIP Code™ locations for which mail can be sorted on automated equipment; and where there is a unique delivery ZIP Code, down to the apartment level. Interested consumers must also complete identity verification to confirm they live at the address. As an additional security measure, a mail-based verification letter is also sent to the account address to give the customer the opportunity to remove the account if desired.

Is Informed Delivery® available to businesses?

No. The feature is available to residential customers and eligible personal P.O. Box™ addresses, but Informed Delivery® is not currently available to business customers.

Signing Up for Informed Delivery®

Go to informedelivery.usps.com and follow the step by step directions. You may also download or print a step-by-step **Informed Delivery® Sign Up Guide**.

How soon after requesting the feature will I begin receiving notifications?

Activation time for the feature may vary, but typically you will begin to receive notifications within three business days. Notifications containing mailpiece images will be sent on days when letter-size mail is being processed and delivered to the home. Notifications are not sent on days when there is no mail to be delivered, or on Sundays or federal holidays.

Privacy/Security Concerns

How can I be sure that notification emails are from USPS® and not spam?

All emails from the Postal Service® originate from their mail system and the contents are strictly images of the mailpieces associated with the customer's delivery address. Email messages will be sent from USPSInformedDelivery@usps.gov to the email associated with an Informed Delivery® user's online usps.com® account.

How secure is Informed Delivery®? Should I be concerned about my privacy?

The Postal Service® takes the privacy of customers' mail very seriously and takes measures to ensure that all personal information is protected. USPS® follows industry best practices to verify your identity, including the use of a mail-based verification letter.

- The scanned mail images are of the external markings, showing only the exterior, address side of letter-size mailpieces.
- Your mail is protected by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service®, whose sole mandate is to safeguard the entire Postal Service® system, including the employees who deliver and process the mail and millions of customers who use it.
- The Postal Service adheres to the privacy requirements of the Privacy Act established by the federal government which controls when and how the USPS® shares personal information and limits the conditions in which that information can be disclosed externally to outside parties.

United States Postal Service



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Marion County Clerk - Elections
located at Courthouse Square

Marion County Clerk - Elections



Courthouse Square

Physical Address:
555 Court St NE
Suite 2130
Salem, Oregon 97301

Need Help or Information?

Made a mistake on your ballot?

Lost or misplaced your ballot?

We can help!
Marion County Clerk's Office
503.588.5041
2nd Floor-Courthouse Square

Track your ballot

**Sign up for updates about your Ballot
from the Marion County Clerk**

The Marion County Clerk is offering a program to voters in Marion County that allows them to track the status of their ballot through automated notifications.

ballottrax

Participating voters will have the option of receiving text, email, or voice alerts at several points on their ballot's journey.

A screenshot of the ballottrax website registration form. The page has a dark header with 'ballottrax' and 'Marion County Clerk'. The main content area features a large American flag on the left and a registration form on the right. The form is titled 'GET STARTED' and includes a note: 'Note: This system does not change or update your voter registration. https://ballottrax.marionclerk.net'. The form fields are: 'FIRST NAME', 'LAST NAME', 'DATE OF BIRTH', and 'RESIDENTIAL ZIP CODE'. There is a 'I'm not a robot' checkbox and a 'Sign Up' button. A central banner reads 'Trust That Your Vote Counts!' and 'Track the status of your mail-in ballot, from printed to accepted'.

If you have any questions about this service, please call the Marion County Clerk's Office at 503.588.5041.

**Sign up today to begin
receiving messages:**

marioncountyclerk.ballottrax.net/voter

Frequently Asked Questions

What if I forgot to put my ballot in the “secrecy” sleeve and I have already sealed my ballot return envelope?

The “secrecy” sleeve is not required for your ballot to be counted. However, if you wish to use it, you may carefully open the envelope and tape it closed again or simply come to our office for a replacement envelope.

What if I did not receive a ballot?

Call the Marion County Elections Office at 503.588.5041.
You may need to update your voter registration.

I went to the DMV and got (or updated) my drivers’ license but didn’t receive a ballot. Why? What do I do?

There are many reasons why the new “Oregon Motor Voter” process may not have been completed. Please call our office immediately for assistance.

What if I have moved and changed my residence or mailing address?

You may update your voter registration in our office or at the website www.oregonvotes.gov.
You will be issued the correct ballot for your new address.

Is postage required if I place my ballot in an Official Ballot Drop Site?

No.

If I choose not to vote for a candidate, contest or measure, will the rest of my ballot count?

Yes.

Is it too late to update my voter registration?

No. You have up until Election Day, November 7th to update your voter registration and receive a ballot if you are currently registered in Oregon.

However, you must have been a registered voter in Oregon by October 17th.

When is the last day to mail my ballot and have it received by the County Clerk’s Office?

The United States Postal Service recommends mailing one week before the Election (October 31st, 2023) for your ballot to reach us on time. However, **postmarks can count!**

When will results be available?

The first results should be available just after 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 7th. For election results you may visit our website at:

www.co.marion.or.us/CO/elections

(Be sure to “refresh” your browser each time you look for new results.)

Oregon Voter Registration Card

you may use this form to

- register to vote
- update your information

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

1 Print with a black or blue pen to complete the form.

2 Sign the form.

3 Mail or drop off the form at your County Elections Office.

Your County Elections Office will mail you a Voter Notification Card to confirm your registration.



The deadline to register to vote is the 21st day before an election.



Only registered voters are eligible to sign petitions.

 oregonvotes.gov



1 866 673 8683

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TTY

1 800 735 2900

for the hearing impaired

You must provide your valid Oregon Driver's License, Permit or ID number. A suspended Driver's License is valid, a revoked Driver's License is not valid.

-or-

If you do not have valid Oregon ID, provide the last four digits of your Social Security number.

-or-

If you do not have valid Oregon ID or Social Security number, provide a copy of one of the following that shows your name and current address.

acceptable identification

- valid photo identification
- a paycheck stub
- a utility bill
- a bank statement
- a government document
- proof of eligibility under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) or the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act (VAEH).

information disclosure

Information submitted on an Oregon Voter Registration Card is public record. However, information submitted in the Oregon Driver's License section is, by law, held confidential.

assistance

If you need assistance registering to vote or voting please contact your County Elections Official.



qualifications

Are you a citizen of the United States of America? yes no
Are you at least 16 years of age? yes no

! If you mark no in response to either of these questions, do not complete this form.

personal information *required information

last name* first* middle
Oregon residence address, city and zip code (include apt. or space number)*
date of birth (month/day/year)* county of residence
phone email
mailing address, including city, state and zip code (required if different than residence)

Oregon Driver's License/ID number

Provide a valid **Oregon Driver's License, Permit or ID:**

I do not have a valid **Oregon Driver's License/Permit/ID.**
The last 4 digits of my Social Security Number (SSN) are:

X X X - X X -

I do not have a valid Oregon Driver's License/Permit/ID or a SSN. I have attached a copy of **acceptable identification.**

political party

Not a member of a party

- Constitution
- Democratic
- Independent
- Libertarian
- Pacific Green
- Progressive
- Republican
- Working Families
- Other _____

signature I swear or affirm that I am qualified to be an elector and I have told the truth on this registration.

sign here _____ date today _____

! If you sign this card and know it to be false, you can be fined up to \$125,000 and/or imprisoned for up to 5 years.

registration updates Complete this section if you are updating your information.

previous registration name previous county and state
home address on previous registration date of birth (month/day/year)

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Special Election November 7, 2023

Marion County Clerk's Elections Phone Numbers:
503.588.5041 or 1.800.655.5388



Save this guide to assist you in voting.

Ballots for the Election will be mailed to registered voters on October 18th.

In an election, every voice is equally
powerful - don't underestimate your vote.
Voting is the great equalizer.

Maya Angelou