

Notice of Measure Election

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Notice

Date of Notice	Name of District	Name of County or Counties	Date of Election
March 10, 2023	Polk County Fire District No.1	Polk, Marion	May 16, 2023

Final Ballot Title The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the district's voters. The ballot title notice has been published and the ballot title challenge process has been completed.

Caption 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure.

Five-year local option levy for Emergency Service Operations

Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.

Shall District levy taxes of \$0.78 per \$1,000 of assessed value for five years beginning 2024-25 for emergency service operations? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.

Polk County Fire District No.1 has experienced a service demand increase of 40% over the past two years. In 2022, the District was not able to meet ambulance response standards due to insufficient staffing to meet the increased demand.

The current levy was approved by voters in 2014 and renewed at the same rate in 2019. The Board has attempted not to increase the levy despite increasing costs to provide services and an 85% increase in call volume over the past decade. This levy of \$0.78 per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value would allow the District to:

- 1: Hire additional Firefighter/EMT's to staff an additional ambulance or fire engine 24 hours a day in order to meet response standards
- 2: Fund short-term daytime firefighters during the summer wildland fire season when call volume and fire impacts increase
- 3: Fund the replacement of two ambulances that will reach the end of their service life during the 5-year levy

The levy would raise approximately \$1,349,423 in 2024-2025, \$1,389,906 in 2025-2026, \$1,431,603 in 2026-2027, \$1,474,551 in 2027-2028 and \$1,518,787 in 2028-2029 for a total of \$7,164,270. 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 payment discounts, compression and the collection rate.

Explanatory Statement 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect.

If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be drafted and attached to this form for:

- any measure referred by the district elections authority; or
- any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.

Explanatory Statement Attached? Yes No

Authorized District Official Not required to be notarized.

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By signing this document:

- I hereby state that I am authorized by the district elections authority to submit this Notice of Measure Election; and
- I certify that notice of receipt of ballot title has been published and the ballot title challenge process for this measure completed.

Signature redacted

03/13/2023

Signature

Date Signed