

RESOLUTION NO. 23-24-1
A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN ELECTION ON A FIVE YEAR LOCAL OPTION
LEVY FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Dundee Rural Fire Protection District currently receives \$0.5580 per \$1,000 in tax assessed value which is district's permanent tax rate.

WHEREAS, staffing levels at the Dundee Fire Department are significantly below other Oregon cities and districts of comparable size.

WHEREAS, population growth has outpaced the Fire Department's ability to maintain response times that meet national fire and emergency medical service standards, and adequate core services are essential to Dundee's quality of life.

WHEREAS, \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed value is projected to raise about \$273,000 in the first year of the levy and a total of \$1,447,000 over 5 years.

WHEREAS, funding would allow the department to increase staffing in order to improve response times to be closer to national fire and emergency medical service standards. The increased funding could also pay for additional needed training and equipment.

THE DUNDEE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. An election is called in the Dundee Rural Fire Protection District for the purpose of submitting to the legal voters of the District the following question:

Shall Dundee Rural Fire District issue a five-year levy of \$1.00/\$1,000 assessed value for fire and emergency services beginning 2024-2025? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

Section 2. Tuesday, May 21, 2024, is designated as the date for holding the election on the question stated in Section 1.

Section 3. The election will be conducted by the Yamhill County Elections Department.

Section 4. The precincts for the election shall include all territory within the Dundee Rural Fire Protection District.

Section 5. The ballot title to appear on the ballot shall be:

CAPTION

Five-year levy for emergency medical and fire services

QUESTION

Shall Dundee Rural Fire District issue a five-year levy of \$1.00/\$1,000 assessed value for fire and emergency services beginning 2024-2025? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

SUMMARY

The measure, if approved, would authorize the Dundee Rural Fire Protection District to levy taxes to supplement the annual cost of fire and emergency medical services provided to District residents. The measure would provide for a local option operating levy of \$1.00/\$1,000 of assessed value for 5 years, beginning July 1, 2024. Current response times do not meet national fire and emergency medical service standards. Revenue from the levy would be used to increase staffing with the goal of improving response times.

The estimated local option taxes over 5 years are:

2024-2025: \$272,636

2025-2026: \$280,815

2026-2027: \$289,239

2027-2028: \$297,916

2028-2029: \$306,854

If the maximum levy is assessed, the estimated total tax raised over 5 years would be \$1,447,460.

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.

Section 6. The Board of Directors adopts the Explanatory Statement for the Voters' Pamphlet attached as Exhibit A.

Section 7. The Fire Chief and staff shall take all necessary steps to effectuate this resolution, including providing public notice and submitting required materials to the County Elections Officer. If the measure is approved, the District will act consistently with the ballot title and explanatory statement.

Section 8. This resolution takes effect immediately upon passage.

ADOPTED by a roll call vote of the Dundee Rural Fire Protection District Board of Directors on February _29th_, 2024.

YES:

NO:

Don Carpenter, Board President
ATTEST:

Dan Bechtold, Board Treasurer

EXHIBIT A
EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The measure, if approved, would authorize the Dundee Rural Fire Protection District to levy \$1.00/\$1,000 of assessed property value for 5 years, beginning July 1, 2024. If approved, the levy would raise a projected \$272,636 in the first year and \$1,447,460 over 5 years for fire and emergency medical services.

The Dundee Fire Department provides fire suppression, emergency medical care, rescue, and fire prevention services. The fire department is currently staffed by career firefighters, Monday-Friday from 8:00 am-5:00 pm. When available, volunteers respond the calls for service outside of those hours.

The population of Dundee Fire District and demand for fire and emergency services have grown. The staffing level in the Dundee Fire Department has fallen below that of comparable Oregon Fire Departments. Response times do not meet national standards for comparable sized organizations.

This revenue would be used to increase staffing to provide a guaranteed response 24-hours a day, with the goal of improving response times to reach people more quickly in the event of a fire or medical emergency. The increased funding could also pay for additional training and equipment, to maintain well trained fire and emergency medical personnel.

If approved, the proposed levy would contribute paying for the following:

- Hiring up to three additional firefighter/EMT's to help ensure sufficient personnel arrive within the initial minutes of an emergency 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Supporting positions in training and fire prevention.
- Firefighter and emergency medical safety equipment.
- Tools for firefighting and emergency medical response.
- Technology enhancements.

For a property assessed at \$323,050, about the average in Dundee Rural Fire District's service area, the cost of the levy would be approximately \$323.50 per year, or \$26.96 per month.

If this levy passes the total tax rate for Dundee Rural Fire District will be \$1.5580 per \$1,000 assessed valuation (\$0.5580 permanent rate + \$1.00 levy being voted on).

The measure will coincide with a companion ballot measure that passed in the City of Dundee in 2023, which is a rate of \$0.65/\$1,000 of assessed value that will not apply in the district.

The combined funds from both levies is what will allow the hiring of additional firefighters.

Request for Ballot Title

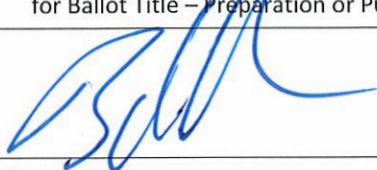
Preparation or Publication of Notice

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

Filing Information	
Election Date May 21, 2024	Authorized Official Brandon Hamilton, Fire Chief
Contact Phone 503-554-8442	Email Address brandon.hamilton@dundeecity.org
Referral Information	
Title, Number or other Identifier Resolution 23-24-1	
This Filing is For	
<input type="checkbox"/> Drafting of Ballot Title Attach referral text.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Publication of Notice Ballot title below.
Ballot Title Additional requirements may apply	
Caption 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure. Five-year levy for emergency medical and fire services	
Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure. Shall Dundee Rural Fire District issue a five-year levy of \$1.00/\$1,000 assessed value for fire and emergency services beginning 2024-2025? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.	
Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect. The measure, if approved, would authorize the Dundee Rural Fire Protection District to levy taxes to supplement the annual cost of fire and emergency medical services provided to District residents. The measure would provide for a local option operating levy of \$1.00/\$1,000 of assessed value for 5 years, beginning July 1, 2024. Current response times do not meet national fire and emergency medical service standards. Revenue from the levy would be used to increase staffing with the goal of improving response times. The estimated local option taxes over 5 years are: 2024-2025: \$272,636 2025-2026: \$280,815 2026-2027: \$289,239 2027-2028: \$297,916 2028-2029: \$306,854 If the maximum levy is assessed, the estimated total tax raised over 5 years would be \$1,447,460. 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.	
<i>By signing this document:</i> → I hereby state that I am authorized by the county or city governing body, or district elections authority to submit this Request for Ballot Title – Preparation or Publication of Notice.	



Signature

02/29/2024

Date Signed