



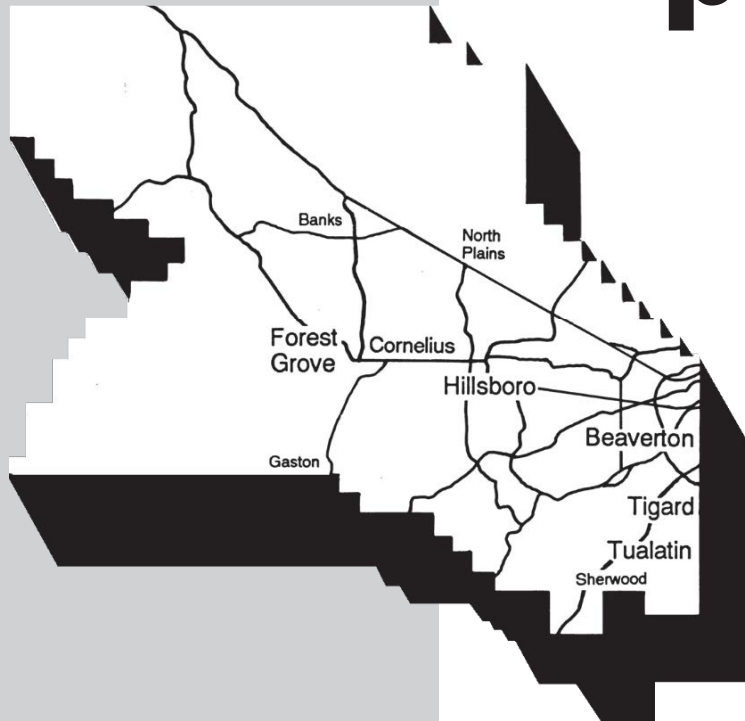
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# Washington County **A** County voters' pamphlet

**VOTE-BY-MAIL  
SPECIAL  
DISTRICT  
ELECTION  
November 2, 2021**

**To be counted,  
voted ballots must  
be in our office  
by 8:00 p.m. on  
November 2, 2021**



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Nafisa Fai, District 1  
Pam Treece, District 2  
Roy Rogers, District 3  
Jerry Willey, District 4

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## WASHINGTON COUNTY BALLOT DROPSITES

**(All Dropsites have 24 hrs access outdoor boxes. EXCEPT GARDEN HOME)**

**ALOHA:**

**Aloha Community Library  
(in Farmington Marketplace Shopping Center)**  
17455 SW Farmington Rd Ste. 26A  
Aloha, OR 97007

**BANKS:**

**Banks City Hall/Library**  
42461 NW Market St  
Banks, OR 97106

**BEAVERTON AREA:**

**Beaverton City (Near Library)**  
Curbside on Hall Blvd (Between 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> St)  
Beaverton, OR 97005

**Beaverton Library-Murray Scholls**

11200 SW Murray Scholls Place, Ste. 102  
Beaverton, OR 97007

**Bethany Library**

15325 NW Central Dr Ste J-8  
Portland, OR 97229

**Cedar Mill Community Library**

1080 NW Saltzman Rd  
Portland, OR 97229

**Washington County's "Service Center East"**

3700 SW Murray Blvd  
Beaverton, OR 97005

**West Slope Community Library**

3678 SW 78<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Portland, OR 97225

**CORNELIUS:**

**Cornelius City Hall/Library**  
1355 N. Barlow St  
Cornelius, OR 97113

**FOREST GROVE:**

**Forest Grove City Library**  
2114 Pacific Ave  
Forest Grove, OR 97116

**GARDEN HOME:**

**Garden Home Community Library**  
7475 SW Oleson Rd. #6  
Portland, OR 97223  
Get dates/hours at  
[www.wccls.org/vote](http://www.wccls.org/vote)

**HILLSBORO:**

**Hillsboro Main Library**  
2850 NE Brookwood Pkwy  
Hillsboro, OR 97124

**Hillsboro Public Library-Shute Park**

775 SE 10<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Hillsboro, OR 97123

**Washington County Elections Office**

2925 NE Aloclek Dr  
Hillsboro, OR 97124

**Washington Co. Sheriff's Office/Jail Parking Lot**

SW Dennis Ave (Washington & Baseline St)  
Hillsboro, OR 97124

**Westside Commons (formerly known as Fair Complex)\*\*Newly added location**

801 NE 34<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Hillsboro, OR 97124

**KING CITY:**

**City Hall**  
15300 SW 116<sup>th</sup> Ave  
King City, OR 97224

**NORTH PLAINS:**

**City Hall**  
31360 NW Commercial St  
North Plains, OR 97133

**SHERWOOD:**

**City Hall**  
22560 SW Pine St  
Sherwood, OR 97140

**TIGARD:**

**City Hall**  
13125 SW Hall Blvd  
Tigard, OR 97223

**TUALATIN:**

**City Hall** 18880 SW Martinazzi Ave  
Tualatin, OR 97062

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# Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue

## Measure No. 34-308

### Ballot Title

#### Authorizes General Obligation Bonds for Emergency Service Investments

**Question:** Shall TVF&R issue general obligation bonds to fund fire station improvements, replacement vehicles, training center upgrades, and land?

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:** This measure authorizes Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R) to issue up to \$122 million in bonds to finance capital costs, including:

- Replacement of response vehicles reaching the end of their useable life.
- Fire station improvements.
- Rebuilding the King City fire station.
- Relocating the Aloha fire station.
- Safety upgrades for TVF&R's training center where responders are trained in fire suppression, emergency medical care, technical rescue, hazardous material response, and other emergency skills.
- Land for future construction of fire stations in growth areas.
- Site improvements, equipment, and bond issuance costs.

Bonds would mature over not more than 15 years and may be issued in series. Due to declining debt service on existing bonds, the measure will not increase TVF&R's bond tax rate above the current rate of \$0.1415 per \$1,000 AV unless assessed property values decline. For property assessed at \$300,000, about the average in TVF&R's service area, the bond cost is estimated to be \$42.45 per year or \$3.54 per month. Actual rates may vary based on interest rates and changes in assessed value.

### Explanatory Statement

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R) provides fire suppression, emergency medical care, technical rescue, water rescue, hazardous material response, and fire prevention services to the cities of Beaverton, Durham, King City, Newberg, North Plains, Rivergrove, Sherwood, Tigard, Tualatin, West Linn and Wilsonville, as well as unincorporated portions of Washington, Clackamas, Yamhill and Multnomah counties.

#### What does this measure call for?

Voters are being asked whether TVF&R should issue \$122 million in general obligation bonds to:

- **Replace response vehicles** as they reach the end of their useable life, including fire engines, trucks, and medical vehicles used throughout the District.
- **Fund fire station improvements** including seismic upgrades, security features, expansions, or living quarter modifications at 10 of 29 stations to ensure firefighters and paramedics remain prepared to respond to fires, medical emergencies, rescues, and disasters.
- **Rebuild the King City fire station** at the existing location. *(A new station is more cost effective than retrofitting the existing structure.)*
- **Relocate the Aloha station** to a more central location to improve local and regional response.
- **Fund safety upgrades** for TVF&R's training center where responders practice fire suppression, emergency medical care, technical rescue, hazardous material response, and other emergency skills.
- **Purchase land for future fire stations** in areas where growth is expected to occur.

#### Will property tax rates increase if this measure is approved?

Because the tax rate on existing bonds is scheduled to decline, TVF&R's total tax rate is not expected to increase.

#### How much will the bonds cost?

The total principal amount of bonds authorized by this measure cannot exceed \$122 million. For property assessed at \$300,000, about the average in TVF&R's service area, the estimated cost of the bonds would continue to be about \$42.45 per year or \$3.54 per month. Actual costs may vary. Assessed value is currently between 36-38% lower than market value.

#### When would bonds be issued?

TVF&R expects to issue bonds in multiple series to fund identified projects. Bonds would be repaid over a maximum of 15 years from their issue date.

#### What is the current total tax rate for TVF&R?

The total tax rate for TVF&R is \$2.1167 per \$1000 assessed valuation, which includes:

\$1.5252	Permanent Rate
\$0.45	Local Option Levy
\$0.1415	General Obligation Bond

Submitted by:

Tim Collier, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue

No Arguments in Opposition of this measure were filed.

# Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue

## Measure No. 34-308 Arguments

### Argument in Favor

**Tualatin Valley Firefighters support Measure 34-308 because it allows for investments in things that we need to provide professional and reliable service to our community.**

It is an honor to serve the people living in our service area, and we are grateful for the support you have shown us in the past.

If Measure 34-308 passes, it would provide four significant benefits.

- It provides funding to replace fire engines, ladder trucks, and other vehicles that have reached the end of their useable life.
- It will allow us to make improvements at ten of our fire stations and rebuild two stations.
- It would pay for safety upgrades to our training facility. It is vital that our firefighters and paramedics constantly train so we have the skills needed when real emergencies occur.
- Lastly, we will be able to acquire land for future fire stations in places where we know there will be development.

**For these reasons, Tualatin Valley Firefighters urge a YES vote on Measure 34-308.**

In service,

Rocky Hanes, President  
Tualatin Valley Firefighters  
IAFF Local 1660

This information furnished by:  
Rocky Hanes, Tualatin Valley Firefighters, IAFF Local 1660

### Argument in Favor

#### TVF&R BOARD SUPPORTS BOND MEASURE

We have been elected by you to provide oversight of Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue. We have referred a bond measure to the ballot for these reasons:

1. This is **not a new tax**. If approved, new bonds issued will replace debt that is being paid off from old bonds. This means TVF&R's total tax rate will not increase.
2. We know through decades of research that your **top priority for TVF&R** is to provide fast and effective emergency response. By issuing bonds, we will be able to purchase response vehicles, fund fire station improvements, rebuild fire stations, and acquire land for the future so that we can properly serve our community.
3. We feel that **TVF&R has a solid track record of keeping promises**. The last time we issued bonds was in 2006. Since then, TVF&R has fulfilled the commitments made to you, our investors.

This information furnished by:  
Randy Lauer, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Board of Directors

### Argument in Favor

#### Community Leaders Support TVF&R Bond Measure

Most of us have worked years *-even decades-* on issues that affect the livability and prosperity of our communities. We have high expectations of our public agencies. We want our constituents to feel confident in the service they'll receive if they must call 911.

Measure 34-308 will allow Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue to issue bonds to pay for fire engines, trucks, fire station improvements,

and land for future fire stations. This is vital for a strong public safety system that serves our residents and businesses.

**We hope you join us in voting yes on Measure 34-308.**

**Kate Lieber, State Senate District 14**  
**Winsvey Campos, District 28 Representative**  
**Maxine Dexter, District 33 Representative**  
**Dacia Grayber, District 35 Representative**  
**Lisa Reynolds, District 36 Representative**  
**Rachel Prusak, District 37 Representative**  
**Kathryn Harrington, Chair, Washington County Board of Commissioners**  
**Pam Treece, Washington County Commissioner**  
**Paul Savas, Clackamas County Commissioner**  
**Sonya Fischer, Clackamas County Commissioner**  
**Marc San Soucie, Beaverton City Councilor**  
**Mark Fagin, Beaverton City Councilor**  
**Allison Tivnon, Beaverton City Councilor**  
**Jason Snider, Mayor of Tigard**  
**Heidi Lueb, Tigard City Councilor**  
**John Goodhouse, Tigard City Councilor**  
**Liz Newton, Tigard City Councilor**  
**Robert "Butch" Kindel, North Plains City Councilor**

This information furnished by:  
Maxine Dexter

### Argument in Favor

#### Your Investments in TVF&R are Used Wisely

We are citizen volunteers who participate in TVF&R's annual budget process. We are acutely aware that our input can impact your property tax bill, and we understand that you want the cost of service to be as value-driven as possible.

We also understand that when something bad happens to you or your family, you want TVF&R's firefighters and paramedics to respond quickly.

As Budget Committee members, our job is to balance these competing interests. We must also keep a keen eye on the fire district's accounting and budget priorities.

We feel TVF&R uses your tax dollars wisely. We also feel they have the proper financial controls in place and adhere to the strictest fiscal practices, including rigorous annual audits. TVF&R has a Aaa bond rating which is the highest credit rating possible. Because of their size, they're also able to achieve cost savings through economies of scale and reduced administrative overhead.

Our opinion of Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue's financial practices is shared by the Government Financial Officers Association who has awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to TVF&R every year for the past three decades. We feel that TVF&R will use bond monies wisely to invest in stations, equipment, and land for stable emergency services now and in the future.

#### TVF&R Budget Committee

Angie Fong  
Paul Leavy  
Michael Mudrow  
Michael Smith

This information furnished by:  
Angie Fong, TVF&R Budget Committee

No Arguments in Opposition of this measure were filed.