

# Notice of Measure Election

District

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## Notice

Date of Notice	Name of District	Name of County or Counties	Date of Election
1/23/2019	Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue	Washington, Clackamas, Multnomah, Yamhill	5/21/2019

**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.

RENEWS LOCAL OPTION LEVY FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

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

See attached.

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

See attached.

**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.

Signed

Signature

Date Signed

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Measure Explanatory Statement f Received Via E-Mail

Important! Read all instructions before completing this form. Use this form when filing a 'Measure Explanatory Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet' with your County Elections office. If a local government is located in more than one county, the county clerk of the county in which the city hall of the city or the administrative office of the local government is located shall be the filing officer for the 'Measure Explanatory Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet'.

Filing Information

Election: [ ] Primary 20 [ ] General 20 [x] Special January 23, 2019 Measure #

Ballot Title Caption

RENEWS LOCAL OPTION LEVY FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Name of Person responsible for content of 'Explanatory Statement' (as it should appear in the Voters' Pamphlet):

Cassandra Ulven

Name of Jurisdiction/Organization Person is authorized to represent (as it should appear in the Voters' Pamphlet):

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue

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SIGNATURE

Signed

1/23/19

Signature of person responsible for content of 'Explanatory Statement'

Date

MEASURE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

See attached for 'Measure Explanatory Statement' (500 word/number MAX).

For Office Use only:

County: Washington

Signed? [x] Yes [ ] No

'Measure Explanatory Statement' attached?

[x] Yes [ ] No

Intake Staff Initials: KW

Word count (500 max): 452

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Review Staff Initials: KW

# TVF&R Local Option Levy Renewal

## Ballot Measure Language for May 21, 2019 Election

**Prepared by:** Cassandra Ulven, Public Affairs Chief

**Prepared for:** Washington County Elections Office

**Reviewed by:** Heidi Mason, Innova Legal Advisors

**Approved by:** Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue's Board of Directors on January 22, 2019

<p><b>CAPTION:</b> (10-word limit)</p>	<p><b>RENEWS LOCAL OPTION LEVY FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES</b> (10 words)</p>
<p><b>QUESTION:</b> (20-word limit)</p>	<p>Shall TVF&amp;R renew an emergency services levy at \$0.45 per \$1,000 assessed value for five years, beginning FY 2020-2021? This measure renews current local option taxes. (19 words) <i>Last sentence does not count toward word limit per ORS 280.070(4)(b).</i></p>
<p><b>SUMMARY:</b> (175-word limit)</p>	<p>Tualatin Valley Fire &amp; Rescue (TVF&amp;R) is seeking a levy renewal for 45 cents per \$1000 of assessed valuation, the same as TVF&amp;R's existing rate. The current levy expires in June 2020. Levy renewals require voter approval. For a property assessed at \$300,000, about the average in TVF&amp;R's service area, the cost of the levy would be approximately \$135 per year or about \$11.25 per month.</p> <p>If the levy renewal does not pass, funding that currently supports at least 92 of 432 TVF&amp;R firefighters and paramedics would be lost. TVF&amp;R's firefighters and paramedics respond to emergency incidents like fires, heart attacks, car crashes, and rescue operations. Funding for other staff positions that support TVF&amp;R's operations would also be lost.</p> <p>If the levy passes, levy funds will maintain firefighter, paramedic, and support staff positions. Proceeds will also be used to purchase land for future fire stations, fire hose, firefighting tools, and medical equipment. (152 words)</p> <p>An estimate of the total amount of money to be raised for each year of the proposed levy renewal is:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">FY 2020-2021: \$28,581,437 FY 2021-2022: \$29,864,743 FY 2022-2023: \$31,205,670 FY 2023-2024: \$32,606,805 FY 2024-2025: \$34,070,850</p> <p><i>Estimated revenue required pursuant to ORS 280.075(2). These words do not count towards the 175-word limit. ORS 280.075(3).</i></p>
<p><b>EXPLANATORY STATEMENT:</b> (500-word limit)</p>	<p>Tualatin Valley Fire &amp; Rescue (TVF&amp;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.</p> <p><i>See page two for remainder of Explanatory Statement</i></p>

**EXPLANATORY  
STATEMENT:**  
(continued)

**What is the history behind this proposal?**

TVF&R voters first approved a 20-cent local option levy in 2000 and renewed it in 2004 and 2008. In 2014, voters approved a replacement levy with a tax rate of 45 cents per \$1,000 assessed valuation. The 2014 replacement levy provides 22% of TVF&R's funding. Levy renewals require voter approval.

**What does this measure call for?**

It proposes renewing the current levy for five more years at the same tax rate of \$0.45 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

**What would the levy pay for?**

If the levy passes, levy funds will maintain at least 92 firefighter and paramedic positions, as well as other staff positions that support TVF&R's operations. Proceeds will also be used to purchase land for future fire stations, fire hose, firefighting tools, and medical equipment.

**How much will the levy cost?**

For a property assessed at \$300,000, about the average in TVF&R's service area, the cost of the levy would be approximately \$135 per year or about \$11.25 per month.

**What happens if the levy does not pass?**

If the levy is not renewed before June 2020, reductions in staffing and operations will be required.

**What has TVF&R done with the levy funds voters approved in 2014?**

- Retained 42 levy-funded firefighters and hired additional firefighters, paramedics and staff who support TVF&R's operations
- Purchased two fire engines, one tiller truck, two medic/rescue units, one response car, one rescue boat, five fire investigator vehicles, and command vehicles
- Constructed one new fire station with a second station in progress
- Acquired land for five fire stations
- Helped fund the seismic upgrade and remodel of three existing fire stations
- Acquired equipment such as fire hose, breathing apparatus, and medical kits

**Will property tax bills increase if this measure is approved?**

The current tax rate would remain the same, but the assessed value of most properties increases by approximately 3% each year. As a result, the levy amount increases by the same percentage.

**When would the new levy first be collected?**

It would appear for the first time on the November 2020 property tax statement. The tax rate of \$0.45 per \$1,000 would be identical to what currently appears on individual tax bills.

**What is the total tax rate for TVF&R?**

The total tax rate for TVF&R is \$2.0839 per \$1000 assessed valuation.

\$1.5252/\$1,000	Permanent Rate
\$0.45/\$1000	Levy being voted on
\$0.1087/\$1000	Bonded debt

(452 words)

## AGENDA ITEM

### Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Tigard, Oregon

SUBJECT:	Resolution 2019-01 Authorizing Levy Renewal	FOR AGENDA OF:	January 22, 2019
		APPROVED FOR AGENDA:	Fire Chief Mike Duyck
		DEPARTMENT OF ORIGIN:	Fire Chief's Office
PROCEEDING:	Discussion and Approval	DATE SUBMITTED:	January 15, 2019
EXHIBITS:	Resolution 2019-01 Ballot Title, Measure and Explanatory Statement	CLEARANCES:	Fire Chief's Office

#### BUDGET IMPACT

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED: -0-	AMOUNT BUDGETED: -0-	APPROPRIATION REQUIRED: -0-
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#### BACKGROUND:

TVF&R voters first approved a 20-cent local option levy in 2000 and renewed it in 2004 and 2008. In 2014, voters approved a replacement levy with a tax rate of 45 cents per \$1,000 assessed valuation. The current levy provides 22% of TVF&R's funding and will expire in 2020. The attached resolution proposes placing a measure on the ballot to renew the current levy for five more years at the same tax rate of 45 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value.

If the levy passes, levy funds will maintain at least 92 firefighter and paramedic positions, as well as other staff positions that support Fire District operations. Proceeds will also be used to purchase land for future fire stations, fire hose, firefighting tools, and medical equipment. If the levy is not renewed before June 2020, reductions in staffing and operations will be required.

For a property assessed at \$300,000, about the average in TVF&R's service area, the cost of the levy would be approximately \$135 per year or about \$11.25 per month.

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Resolution 2019-01 Authorizing Levy Renewal, and direct staff to file election materials with the Washington County Election Division and conduct an outreach campaign to inform voters.

#### PROPOSED MOTION:

*"I move to adopt Resolution 2019-01 Authorizing Levy Renewal, and direct staff to file a caption, question, summary and explanatory statement with the Washington County Election Division for the purpose of placing a replacement local option levy on the May 21, 2019 ballot."*

**RESOLUTION 2019-01****A RESOLUTION OF TUALATIN VALLEY FIRE & RESCUE,  
A RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, APPROVING A BALLOT TITLE  
AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF A LOCAL OPTION LEVY, AND CALLING AN  
ELECTION ON THIS QUESTION, AND APPROVING AN EXPLANATORY  
STATEMENT FOR THE COUNTY VOTER'S PAMPHLET**

**WHEREAS**, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, a Rural Fire Protection District ("District"), is formed under ORS Chapter 478, and is thereby authorized to assess, levy, and collect taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, TVF&R voters first approved a 20-cent local option levy in 2000 and renewed it in 2004 and 2008.

**WHEREAS**, in 2014, voters approved a replacement levy with a tax rate of 45 cents per \$1,000 assessed valuation; and

**WHEREAS**, the current levy provides 22% of TVF&R's funding and will expire in 2020.

**WHEREAS**, the local option levy approved in 2014 expires June 30, 2020;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

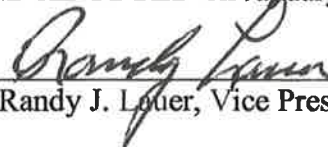
- A. An election is hereby called for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the District the question of renewing the current local option levy with a new five-year levy at a rate of \$.45 per thousand dollars per \$1,000 on the assessed value of all qualifying property within the District;
- B. The total estimated outlay for such purpose over the five-year term of the levy is \$123,722,700;
- C. Upon approval by electors, the local option levy will be imposed beginning in the 2020-2021 fiscal year and carrying through 2024-2025;
- D. Proceeds from the local option levy will be used to maintain firefighter, paramedic, and support staff positions. Proceeds will also be used to purchase land for future fire stations, fire hose, firefighting tools, and medical equipment;
- E. The election hereby called shall be held in the District on the twenty-first day of May 2019. As authorized by the Clerk of Washington County, Oregon, and the Oregon Secretary of State, the election shall be conducted by mail pursuant to ORS 254.465 and 254.470;



- F. The election to establish a local option levy complies with the constitutional requirements of Sections 11(4) and 11(8), Article XI, of the Oregon Constitution; and
- G. The attached Caption, Question, Summary and Explanatory Statement are adopted.
- H. The District shall take all other actions required by law to place the local option levy on the May 21, 2019 ballot.

As authorized by the Board of Directors of Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** on January 22, 2019

  
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Randy J. Louer, Vice President

**ATTEST:**

  
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Gordon L. Hovies, Secretary/Treasurer