



### Notice of Receipt of Ballot Title

In accordance with ORS 255.085: Notice is hereby given that a Ballot Title has been filed with the Clerk of Washington County, OR, on July 24, 2023, for inclusion in the November 7, 2023 Special Election. In accordance with ORS 255.155 any elector dissatisfied with the Ballot Title may petition Washington County Circuit Court no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 2, 2023. The Ballot Title may be reviewed at Washington County Elections, 2925 NE Aloclek Dr STE 170, Hillsboro, OR 97124 or on the Election's website: [www.co.washington.or.us/elections](http://www.co.washington.or.us/elections)

**Name of District: Cornelius Rural Fire Protection District**

**Caption:** Five-Year Local Option Tax Levy for Operations

**Question:** Shall District impose \$1.4516 per \$1,000 of assessed value for general operations for five years beginning 2024–2025? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

**Summary:** With this measure, the Board of Directors of the Cornelius Rural Fire Protection District seeks approval from the voters to adopt a new local option tax levy. This tax levy would replace the current tax levy that expires June 30, 2024.

The Fire District's permanent tax rate of \$.6164 per \$1,000 of assessed value does not generate sufficient revenue to fund the District's contract for emergency services with the City of Cornelius. Prior levies approved in 2008, 2013, and 2019 covered the difference between the District's service contract costs and its permanent tax rate revenues. This proposed new levy is intended to continue covering this difference for the next five years to maintain the current level of services.

If adopted, this measure will allow the Fire District to continue to contract with the City of Cornelius for fire and life safety services. Without the revenue from this measure, the Fire District Board of Directors would need to make decisions to cut back on services provided by the City of Cornelius.

The proposed rate will raise approximately: \$322,788 in 2024-25; \$332,471 in 2025-26; \$342,445 in 2026-27; \$352,719 in 2027-28; and \$363,300 in 2028-29, for a total of \$1,713,723.

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