

**JEFFERSON RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**MEASURE NO. 24-65: JEFFERSON RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

JEFFERSON RURAL FIRE DISTRICT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FIVE-YEAR LOCAL OPTION TAX.

**QUESTION:** Shall the District levy \$0.62 per \$1000 tax assessed value for five-years starting 2001-2002 to finance capital improvements? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

**SUMMARY:** This measure may be passed only at an election with at least a 50 percent voter turnout.

The Board of Directors of the Jefferson Rural Fire Protection District has determined that the capital improvements (including equipment) and construction are needed in the District.

The improvements would serve the needs of the community. This levy funds capital improvements and construction including the acquisition of equipment, costs of borrowing, design, site improvements, construction, fixtures and furnishing the facility and related costs.

This five-year local option tax would start July 1, 2001 and is computed each year at a rate of 62 cents for each thousand dollars of assessed value. The District may issue bonds or other obligations payable from this levy to finance the acquisition of the equipment and improvements.

An estimate of the total amount to be raised each fiscal year is:

2001-2002	\$242,626.43
2002-2003	249,905.22
2003-2004	257,402.38
2004-2005	265,124.45
2005-2006	<u>273,078.18</u>
TOTAL	\$1,288,136.66

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

The Jefferson Rural Fire Protection District is requesting the taxpayers of the district to consider a Five Year Local Option Levy. The levy would be \$0.62 per \$1000 tax assessed value for five-years starting 2001-2002 to finance capital improvements?

The levy would fund the following projects, including, but not limited to:

The purchase of five (5) new emergency vehicles to replace aging, outdated and unreliable equipment. These vehicles will replace emergency equipment with an average age of twenty-three (23) years.

The purchase of firefighting equipment (hose, nozzles, tools, radios, appliances etc.) to outfit the new emergency vehicles.

The purchase, and setup of a pre-manufactured office module on property on the south side of the current station which is owned by the Fire District. This office module would provide office space for the four (4) Staff members and a training room. The current station has one (1) office and no dedicated area for training.

**No arguments in favor of or opposed to this measure were filed.**