

**Notice of Measure Election  
District**

**MAR 12 2019**

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Elections Division

**Notice**

Date of Notice	Name of District	Name of County or Counties	Date of Election
March 12, 2019	Jefferson Rural Fire Protection District	Marion, Linn	May 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.

Five Year Local Option Tax for Operations

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

Shall the District levy taxes of \$0.38 per \$1000 of assessed value for five years beginning 2019-20 for operations? 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.

Jefferson Rural Fire Protection District provides ambulance, EMS and fire response within a 97 square mile area in Marion and Linn Counties. In 2018-19 the District experienced a significant decrease in property tax revenue after a change in the service area. The Board conducted a review of the District and identified several needs such as replacing a 2004 ambulance, a 1982 water tender, station maintenance, equipment maintenance and improve staffing.

With the reduced revenues and identified needs the Board of Director's is asking the voters for a 5-year local option levy with a tax rate of \$0.38 per \$1000 of assessed value.

Homeowners with average assessed value of \$190,000.00 at the proposed amount of \$0.38 per thousand would result in a homeowner paying \$72.20 in property taxes.

The measure would raise approximately \$260,777.00 in 2019-20, \$268,600.00 in 2020-21, \$276,658.00 in 2021-22, \$284,958.00 in 2022-23 and \$293,507.00 in 2023-24 for a total of \$1,384,500.00

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 and may reflect the impact of early payment discounts, compression and the collection rate.

**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.

Name	Title
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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.

3-12-2019  
Date Signed

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Marion County Clerk

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Jefferson Fire District Explanatory Statement

Jefferson Rural Fire Protection District provides ambulance, EMS and fire response within a 97 square mile area in Marion and Linn Counties. In 2018-19 the Fire District experienced a \$275,000.00 decrease in property tax revenue after the City of Millersburg withdrew from the Fire District. In response the Board made several budget cuts to compensate for the loss of revenue which included reducing one full-time position to half-time, reducing a reserve account, and additional operational reductions.

The Board conducted a review of the facilities, apparatus, and staffing to identify the immediate and long-term needs of the Fire District. It was determined that replacing the aging facilities and equipment would require 14.5 million dollars. The Board of Director's would like to start addressing these needs of the Fire District but realizes it can't be done all at once. A 5-year local option tax provides the most flexibility to address facility maintenance, operational, apparatus and staffing needs. The Fire District wants to replace a 2004 Ambulance, purchase one new tender to replace two 1982 tenders, increase facility and apparatus maintenance, and make improvements to the part-time staffing.

The Board of Director's is asking the voters to approve a \$0.38 per thousand tax increase for the next 5-years beginning July 1, 2019 and expiring June 30, 2024. The measure would raise approximately \$260,777.00 in 2019-20, \$268,600.00 in 2020-21, \$276,658.00 in 2021-22, \$284,958.00 in 2022-23 and \$293,507.00 in 2023-24, for a total of \$1,384,500.00.

Homeowners with average assessed value of \$190,000.00 at the proposed amount of \$0.38 per thousand would pay \$72.20 in property taxes.

The revenue generated will allow the Fire District to continue providing ambulance, fire and EMS services at current levels and upgrade an ambulance and water tender. Without the increased revenue the Fire District will need to make additional reductions in services and staffing.

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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR PRINTING IN THE  
MARION COUNTY VOTER PAMPHLET

Measure No. 24-440

Election Date: May 21, 2019

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*See Attached  
Explanatory  
Statement*

Total Words 330

(500 words.)

Authorized Signer

Title

Printed Name

Kevin Hendricks

Fire Chief

Local Government Use