

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR PRINTING IN THE
MARION COUNTY VOTER PAMPHLET**

Measure No. 24-441

Election Date: May 19, 2020

The elected Board of Directors for Marion County Fire District #1 (the "Fire District") voted on January 16, 2020 to place a local option levy on the May 19, 2020 ballot to continue funding fire and emergency operations for two years.

In May 2016, voters approved a levy for \$0.71 per \$1,000 of assessed property value to maintain fire and emergency service operations for the Fire District. That levy expires in June 2020.

Voters are being asked to approve a replacement levy of \$0.99 per \$1,000. This equates to a \$0.28 increase over the current and expiring levy. That funding is designated for two firefighter/ paramedics to respond to increasing call volumes, a deputy fire marshal, and emergency apparatus and equipment replacement.

The Fire District is not part of, nor does it receive funding from a city or county government. It is considered a separate taxing authority and has been providing emergency services since 1939.

Today, Marion County Fire District #1 serves approximately 55,000 people over 80 square miles. It provides fire suppression, emergency medical service, rescue services, and fire prevention. The Fire District has 55 employees and 60 volunteers responding to over 8,000 emergency calls per year. Call volumes increase 5.2 percent on average per year. Back-to-back emergencies account for 55 percent of all calls.

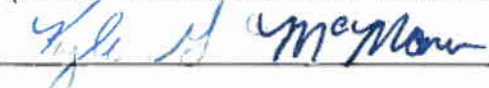
More information on the replacement levy can be found at www.mcfdl.com. Fire Chief Kyle McMann also welcomes questions at (503) 588-6535 or kylem@mcfdl.com. Thank you for considering our request.

Marion County Clerk

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