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# Marion County Voters' Pamphlet Explanatory Statement (MCVP-05)

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**Filing Information:**

Measure No. 24-512 Election Date: May 20, 2025

**Explanatory Statement:**

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Government Unit: Aumsville Fire District

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR PRINTING IN THE MARION COUNTY VOTER PAMPHLET

Measure No. \_\_\_\_\_

Election Date: May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Aumsville Fire District**

May 2025 Local Operations Levy

Explanatory statement:

The Aumsville Fire District (AFD) is seeking approval of a local option levy in the amount of \$0.44 per \$1000 of assessed value.

What services does the district provide?

AFD is the first responder for fire, medical and rescue emergencies in its service area. AFD also provides fire prevention, fire investigations, public education and non-emergency public assistance.

Who does AFD serve?

Aumsville Fire District serves an approximate 27 square mile area, including the City of Aumsville and surrounding areas.

How is the district funded?

AFD is funded through a permanent property tax base rate of \$1.36 per one thousand dollars of assessed value. In addition, voters approved a bond measure (0.44 per one thousand dollars of assessed value) in 2014 (which expires at the end of 2025). for the purchase of fire vehicles and other emergency response equipment.

How would the funds be used?

If approved, the levy funds would:

- Maintain current firefighting staffing – AFD currently has three (3) part-time firefighters, one (1) Fire Chief, one (1) Assistant Chief and one (1) office administrator. Additional staffing during the day and nighttime hours is provided by volunteers. The need to maintain our current staffing model is a result of the emergency and non-emergency needs of the citizens of the district. With projected growth in Aumsville, the number of emergency calls is expected to continue to increase during the next five years.
- Provide Required Upkeep and Maintenance of Fire Stations. Both the Aumsville Station and Shaw Station have structural issues that need critical safety updates.

Rising costs and aging stations make these repairs urgent to ensure firefighters can respond when you need them.

- Provide Required Maintenance of Emergency Equipment – Fire apparatus, personal protective equipment, and specialized tools, all must be tested and maintained each year. This is a state and Federal requirement for all emergency and non-emergency responses. The cost of testing and maintaining these items is continuing to rise each year.

What is the cost to the taxpayers?

The levy cost for property assessed at \$466,000 which is about average for a residential property in the Aumsville Fire District, would be approximately \$205 per year. This is the same amount as the Bond levy approved in 2014. There would be no new or increased taxes.

What if the levy is not approved?

While maintaining emergency response services would remain the top priority for AFD, if the levy is not approved, the fire district will not be able to meet the current emergency response demands, comply with state and federal equipment maintenance requirements, do the necessary repairs and upgrades to the fire stations, and could result in the loss of paid personnel.

Want more information?

Visit [www.aumsvillefire.org](http://www.aumsvillefire.org), call (503) 749-2894 or email Chief Robert Garrison at [rgarrison@aumsvillefire.org](mailto:rgarrison@aumsvillefire.org).