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Notice of Measure Election
District

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Date of Notice	Name of District	Name of County or Counties	Date of Election
Mar 10, 2025	Aumsville Rural Fire District	Marion	May 20, 2025

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.
Aumsville Fire District Operations Levy

Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.
Shall the district levy \$0.44 per thousand of taxable assessed value for 5 years, beginning Fiscal year 2025-26 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.
This measure, if approved, would authorize the District to levy taxes to support the annual cost of fire and emergency medical services. The measure would provide for a local option operating levy at a rate not to exceed \$0.44 per \$1000 of taxable assessed value within the District for five years, beginning July 1, 2025. Revenue from the levy would be used to fund operations, maintaining aging equipment, capitol construction and improvements to public safety facilities, and replenish District reserves. The estimated revenue over five years is \$1,609,250.

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: Robert Garrison Title: Fire Chief
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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.

Signature Redacted

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3/11/2025
Date Signed

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR PRINTING IN THE MARION COUNTY VOTER PAMPHLET

Measure No. _____

Election Date: May 20th, 2025

Aumsville Fire District

May 2025 Local Option 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, call (503) 749-2894 or email Chief Robert Garrison at rgarrison@aumsvillefire.org.

