

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

Measure No. _____

Election Date: may 20th, 2025

Hubbard Fire Protection District
May 2025 Local Option Levy

Explanatory Statement

The Hubbard Fire Protection District (HFD) is seeking approval of a local option levy in the amount of \$1.10 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

What Services does the District provide?

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Who does the District serve?

Hubbard Fire District serves an approximate 6.85 square mile area, including the City of Hubbard and the surrounding areas.

How is the District Funded?

Hubbard Fire is funded through a permanent property tax base rate of \$0.80 cents per one thousand dollars of assessed value. In addition, voters approved a 10-year bond measure in 2016 for the purchase of fire vehicles and other emergency response equipment. Oregon tax law prohibits the use of bond funds for equipment maintenance and other operational expenses.

How would levy funds be used?

If approved, the levy funds would:

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? 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 to test and maintain these items is continuing to rise each year.

? Allow 24/7 Mutual-Aid Back-up Coverage - As a result of the 2020 Local Option Levy, the Hubbard Fire District was able to enter into automatic aid agreements with the Aurora and Woodburn Fire Districts. This has ensured that every call for service in the Hubbard Fire District has had a timely and qualified fire response. By maintaining our current staffing model, we will be able to keep these agreements in place with our neighboring fire agencies.

What is the cost to the taxpayers?

The levy cost for property assessed at \$388,000, about average for a residential property in the Hubbard Fire District, would be approximately \$427 per year, or about \$36 per month.

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What if the levy is not approved?

While maintaining emergency response services would remain the top priority for HFD, 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, and will result in the loss of all full-time career firefighters.

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