

**NOTICE OF BALLOT TITLE RECEIVED
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Notice is hereby given that on August 8, 2023, a request for ballot title was filed by the Aurora Rural Fire Protection District with the Marion County Clerk for an election to be held on November 7, 2023.

The ballot title submitted by the District is as follows:

Caption: Five Year Levy for Maintaining Current 24/7 Staffing and Operations.

Question: Shall District replace rate with \$1.51 per \$1000 of assessed value for 5 years beginning 2024, maintaining current staffing 24/7? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

Summary: Aurora Fire is seeking a five-year local option tax to maintain current operations without hiring additional staff. Levy increase will keep current career EMTs/Firefighters on duty 24/7. Without levy the District will lay off half of current staff, and 24/7 coverage from career firefighters will end. The District currently has funding for two firefighters per 24 hours, this is below national standards of staffing of a three person minimum crew.

AFD responds to roughly 1300 emergencies a year, the amount of calls has stretched current resources thin. Demands on volunteers have become increasingly difficult to balance. We can no longer rely on a volunteer response due to increased demand. This levy replaces the current rate of \$0.99.

The proposed rate will raise approximately \$1,620,176 in 2024-25; \$1,668,782 in 2025-26; \$1,718,845 in 2026-27; \$1,770,411 in 2027-28; and \$1,823,523 in 2028-29.

Any elector dissatisfied with this ballot title may petition the Circuit Court of Marion County seeking a different ballot title pursuant to ORS 255.155. Petitions must be filed with the court not later than 5:00 p.m., August 17, 2023 (7th business day after receipt of the ballot title), with appropriate notification as required by law to the Marion County Clerk.

Dated this 8th day of August, 2023. William J. Burgess, Marion County Clerk.