

Notice of Measure Election

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County

Notice		
Date of Notice 03/03/23	Name of County or Counties Yamhill	Date of Election May 16, 2023

Final Ballot Title The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the county'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.
Formation of McMinnville Fire District.

Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.
Shall fire district be formed with permanent tax rate of \$2.00 per \$1,000 assessed value beginning fiscal year 2023?

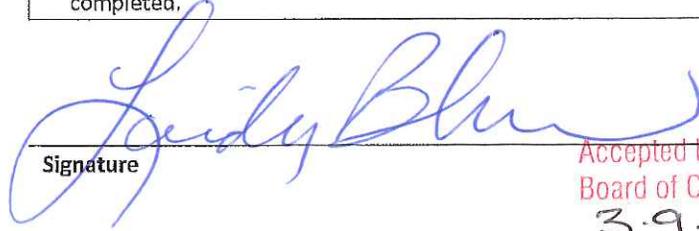
Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.
Measure creates the McMinnville Fire District with a permanent tax rate of \$2.00 per \$1,000 assessed value. The first fiscal year the permanent tax rate would be levied begins July 1, 2023. Taxes would provide fire protection and emergency medical services, utilizing a combination of volunteer and career personnel. Employees of McMinnville Fire Department will become employees of Fire District. Measure takes effect only if separate measure for dissolution of McMinnville Rural Fire District is approved by voters. All real and personal property, including reserve funds, of McMinnville Rural Fire District and assets of the City of McMinnville, including ambulance revenue, necessary for provision of fire and EMS services, shall become property of Fire District, including transfer of main fire station. Training area will be leased for 99 years. Fire District will assume municipal loan of \$588,000 for fire apparatus, all fire protection related debt of the City of McMinnville Fire Department and McMinnville Rural Fire Protection District. No other long term debt obligation will be assumed.

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 county governing body; or
→ any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.
Explanatory Statement Attached? Yes No

Authorized County Official Not required to be notarized.

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By signing this document:
→ I hereby state that I am authorized by the county 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

3/9/23
Date Signed

Accepted by Yamhill County
Board of Commissioners on
3-9-23 by Board Order
BO # 23-88

If adopted, this measure will establish the new McMinnville Fire District to serve residents of the City of McMinnville and the current McMinnville Rural Fire Protection District. The new fire district will only become operational if both this measure is approved and voters in the McMinnville Rural Fire Protection District approve dissolution of that district.

Currently, fire and emergency services for the City of McMinnville and the surrounding area of the McMinnville Rural Fire Protection District are provided by the City of McMinnville Fire Department. The Rural Fire Protection District contracts with the City to provide these services. Recognizing the growing needs of the community and the importance of maintaining effective services, the City and Rural District undertook a multiyear process with third-party experts and engagement with the community and stakeholders to review existing services and make recommendations for improvement.

Based upon the multiyear study, the proposed new McMinnville Fire District is intended to meet the growing fire and emergency services needs of the entire community. Budget constraints have caused service gaps, including delayed response times, insufficient staff resources for emergency needs, and lack of reserves for capital projects such as substations and vehicle replacements. The tax base of the new district would allow it to:

- Hire new trained emergency medical staff to meet the increasing number of emergency calls;
- Reduce the time it takes to respond to fire and medical emergencies;
- Replace aging fire trucks and ambulance units; and
- Add new substations that will ensure more uniform response times across the district.

If the voters approve both this measure and the dissolution of the McMinnville Rural Fire Protection District, the new district will begin service on July 1, 2023. Taxes assessed to finance the district would also begin then. The new McMinnville Fire District would be governed by a five-person board elected by the residents of the district. The existing assets and liabilities of the McMinnville Rural Fire Protection District and the City of McMinnville Fire Department, including the main fire station, ambulance service revenues, and reserve funds, would be transferred to the new district. The new district would also receive a 99-year lease to use the current training facility.

This measure, if adopted, establishes a permanent property tax rate of \$2.00 per thousand dollars of assessed value. The district would also assume a municipal loan of \$588,000 for existing firefighting vehicles.

If this measure is not adopted, current tax rates would not change, the new combined district would not be created, and the current service levels would likely be maintained. The two separate entities would likely not have the resources to significantly reduce response times, add new staff, purchase new response vehicles, or add new substations.