

## NOTICE OF MEASURE ELECTION AND RECEIPT OF BALLOT TITLE

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a ballot title for a measure referred by Mist-Birkenfeld JT Rural Fire Protection District has been filed with the Columbia County Clerk on February 22, 2023. The measure election will be conducted by mail and will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

The ballot title caption is: Five-year local option tax for operations

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### Caption

Five-year local option tax for operations

### Question

Shall the district impose \$1.10 per \$1,000 of assessed value for five years for operations in 2023-2024? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

### Summary

A "YES" vote would allow Mist-Birkenfeld Rural Fire Protection District to impose a local option tax of \$1.10 per \$1000 of assessed property value. The tax revenue from this measure would provide the necessary funding for sufficient staffing, current and ongoing emergency services, the replacement of equipment and supplies, and for maintaining the Fire District's buildings, properties, and apparatus. The current permanent tax rate alone is inadequate to provide appropriate emergency response and readiness to its citizens while maintaining competitive wages to its existing staff members. Combining the permanent tax rate with a 5-year local option levy will provide appropriate funding necessary for operations to ensure we are better prepared to respond to the increasing numbers of calls for service. The requested rate will raise approximately \$357,000 in fiscal year 2023-2024, \$386,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025, \$416,000 in fiscal year 2025-2026, \$449,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027, and \$484,000 in fiscal year 2027-2028, for a total of \$2,092,000. The estimated tax cost for this measure is an estimate only based upon the best information available from the County Assessor at the time of the estimate and may reflect the impact of early payment discounts, compression, and the collection rate.

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that any elector may file a petition for review of this ballot title in the Columbia County Circuit Court no later than 5:00 p.m. March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 (which is the 7<sup>th</sup> business day after receipt.) ORS 255.155. This notice is published pursuant to ORS 255.145(5) by Debbie Klug, Columbia County Clerk.

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