

## NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF BALLOT TITLE AND MEASURE ELECTION

Filed in the Office of County Clerk 02/29/2024.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a ballot title for a measure referred by Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District has been filed with the Columbia County Clerk on February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The measure election will be conducted by mail and will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024.

The ballot title caption is: Renewal of current five-year local option tax for Fire and Emergency Services

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### **Caption**

Renewal of current five-year local option tax for Fire and Emergency Services

### **Question**

Shall the District impose \$1.24 per \$1,000 assessed value for fire and emergency services staffing for five years beginning 2024/2025? This measure renews current local option taxes.

### **Summary**

The measure if approved will allow the Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District to maintain current Fire District Staffing. The measure would provide for a 5-year local option levy at a rate of \$1.24 per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value within the fire district for 5 years beginning in 2024/2025. Revenue from levy will be utilized to maintain the fire districts current staffing of 1 firefighter on duty 24 hours a day 7 days a week while allowing us to continue to overcome the cost of providing services. The estimated revenue over five years is 2024-2025- \$431,742, 2025-2026- \$455,487, 2025-2026- \$480,438, 2026-2027- \$506,867, 2027-2028- \$534,744. Estimated total over the five years = \$2,409,278 This levy will renew the current local option levy set to expire in 2025. For a homeowner with a taxable assessed value of \$200,000 would pay an estimated \$248. The estimated revenue for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best available information at the time from the county.

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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 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (which is the 7<sup>th</sup> business day after receipt.) The challenger must notify the Columbia County Clerk's Office in writing not later than 5:00 p.m. on the next business day following the day the petition for review is filed (ORS 255.155). This notice is published pursuant to ORS 255.145(5) by Debbie Klug, Columbia County Clerk.