

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF BALLOT TITLE AND MEASURE ELECTION

Filed in the Office of County Clerk 8/13/2025.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a ballot title for a measure referred by Rainier Cemetery Maintenance District has been filed with the Columbia County Clerk on August 13th, 2025. The measure election will be conducted by mail and will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025.

The ballot title caption is: **FIVE-YEAR LOCAL OPTION TAX FOR CEMETERY OPERATIONS**

Caption

Five-year local option tax for cemetery operations.

Question

Shall District renew levy of \$0.05 per \$1,000 of assessed value for an additional five years for operations/equipment beginning FY2026-2027? This measure renews current local option taxes.

Summary

This measure authorizes Rainier Cemetery District to impose a local option property tax of \$0.05 per \$1,000 of assessed value each year for five years, beginning with the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

With this measure the District is asking for the continuation of a current levy which will expire on 7/1/2026. The District is not asking for an increase in your current property tax rate but rather a 5 year extension of an existing levy.

Approval of this measure authorizes Rainier Cemetery District to impose a local option property tax for five consecutive years. Tax revenues will be used to purchase and maintain equipment, perform maintenance, and continue full-time cemetery operations of twelve (12) cemeteries. Without the continuation of this additional revenue the District will be unable to replace necessary equipment and may be forced to reduce its operating hours and service levels.

All funds collected will be used exclusively for the purposes described.

For a home assessed at \$200,000, the estimated cost would be \$10.00 per year.

The proposed rate will raise approximately \$79,799 in 2026-2027, \$82,194 in 2027-2028, \$84,660 in 2028-2029, \$87,199 in 2029-2030 and \$89,815 in 2030-2031 for a total of \$423,667. The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on 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.

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 close of business August 22nd (which is the 7th 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.