

Notice of Measure Election

Measure 5-309

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District

May 19, 2026 Primary Election

Notice

Date of Notice	Name of District	Name of County or Counties	Date of Election
March 10, 2026	Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District	Columbia	May 19, 2026

Final Ballot Title The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to district voters. The ballot title notice was published and the ballot title challenge process is complete.

Caption 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure.

Five year local option levy for fire operations

Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.

Shall district levy \$2.02 per \$1,000 of assessed value for 5 years beginning 2026-2027 for staffing and equipment? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.

Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District (VRFPD) currently has a local option levy in place of \$1.24/\$1,000 of assessed value. VRFPD is seeking to replace the current levy with a new levy of \$2.02/\$1,000 for an increase of \$0.78/\$1,000. If this levy is approved, the prior levy will be retired.

Revenue raised from the levy will be used to cover increased operating costs; such as to replace inoperable breathing apparatus refill station, transition part-time Fire Chief position back to full-time, add part-time Firefighter/EMT's to increase DAYTIME staffing to two Firefighter/EMT's when volunteers are typically unavailable, increase training budget, construct a small training structure on district property, and increase VRFPD's ability to save money for replacing vehicles and equipment at end of service life.

Estimate of tax INCREASE for a home assessed at \$200,000: \$156 per year or \$13 per month.

Average assessed valuation of homes within VRFPD is \$156,205.

Estimate of the tax to be raised:

\$714,024 in 2026-2027, \$735,445 in 2027-2028, \$757,508 in 2028-2029,

\$780,233 in 2029-2030, \$803,640 in 2030-2031

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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 written and attached to this form for:

- any measure referred by the district elections authority; or
- any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.

Explanatory Statement Attached? Yes No

Authorized District Official Not required to be notarized.

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By signing this document:

- I hereby state that I am authorized by the district elections authority 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.

03/10/2026

Signature

Date Signed

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