

Measure 5-310

Assigned 3/18/2026

May 19, 2026 Primary Election

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Notice

Date of Notice	Name of District	Name of County or Counties	Date of Election
03/17/2026	Columbia 911 Communications District	Columbia	5/19/2026

Final Ballot Title The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the district'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.

Local Option levy for 9-1-1 emergency communication services

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

Shall Columbia 9-1-1 Communication District establish a five-year emergency communications services levy at \$0.29 per \$1,000 assessed value beginning FY2026-2027? 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.

This measure proposes a five-year local option levy to fund Columbia 9-1-1 emergency communications countywide. Voters previously approved operating levies for these services in 1998, 2003, 2008, 2013, and 2018. The most recent levy expired in 2024. When first approved, the levy rate was higher and later reduced after five years, remaining at the lower rate for twenty years. This proposal establishes a levy at that same lower rate.

Columbia 9-1-1 is the sole activation point for critical incident response in Columbia County. Levy funds would supplement ongoing operations, including 9-1-1 call handling and dispatching for all cities and unincorporated areas. Funding would maintain the public safety radio system serving 16 fire, emergency medical and law enforcement agencies, and providing interoperability with Oregon State Police and Oregon Forestry Department.

The proposed rate is \$0.29 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. For a home with an assessed value of \$300,000, the annual cost would be approximately \$87. Estimated revenues are \$2,144,925 in 2026; \$2,240,255 in 2027; \$2,339,821 in 2028; \$2,443,813 in 2029; and \$2,552,427 in 2030. Total levy of \$10,914,819.

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

Explanatory Statement Attached? Yes No

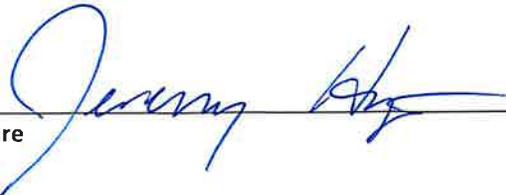
Authorized District Official Not required to be notarized.

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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.

Signature



Date Signed

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