

## **NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF BALLOT TITLE**

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a ballot title for a measure to be referred by Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District has been filed with the Columbia County Clerk on February 25, 2020. A measure election will be held within the boundaries of Columbia County May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The election will be conducted by mail.

The ballot title caption is: Five year replacement local option levy for Emergency Services Training & Operations

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### **Caption**

Five year replacement local option levy for Emergency Services Training & Operations

### **Question**

Shall the District issue a local option levy for five-years to replace an existing local option levy beginning 2020-21? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent and will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are subject to the limits of Sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

### **Summary**

The measure, if approved, would authorize the District to levy taxes to support the annual increased costs of fire and emergency medical services and training. The measure would provide for a local option levy at a rate of \$1.24 per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value within the District for five-years, beginning July 1, 2020. Revenue from the levy would be used to maintain adequate emergency response services within the District, provide additional staffing needs, facilities and apparatus maintenance and expand training for staff and volunteers.

The estimated revenue over five years is: Fiscal Year 2020-21 - \$348,509; 2021-22 - \$367,678; 2022-23 - \$387,900; 2023-24 - \$409,234; and, 2024-25 - \$431,742. Estimated Total over the 5-years = \$1,945,063.

This measure would replace an existing local option levy that is set to expire in 2020-21. 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 information available at the time from the County.

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Any elector of the district may file a petition for review of this ballot title in the Columbia County Circuit Court no later than 5:00 p.m. March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (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).

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