

REGIONAL FIRE DISTRICT TAX RATE COMPARISON

District	Permanent Rate	Local Option Levy	Total Rate
JCFD 5	\$3.19	None	\$3.19
Shady Cove (JCFD 4)	\$2.0181	\$1.10	\$3.1181
JCFD 3	\$3.11	None	\$3.11
Applegate Fire District	\$1.6787	\$1.25	\$2.9287
Illinois Valley RFPD	\$1.87	\$0.99	\$2.86
Rogue River (JCFD 1)	\$1.931	\$0.80	\$2.731
Evans Valley (JCFD 6)	\$1.29	\$1.35	\$2.64
Prospect RFPD	\$0.9902	\$1.39	\$2.3802
Wolf Creek RFPD	\$2.1865	None	\$2.1865
Williams RFPD	\$1.0552	\$0.65	\$1.7052

RESOLUTION 2021/2022- 1
PLACING LOCAL OPTION LEVY
ON NOVEMBER 2021 BALLOT

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Williams Rural Fire Protection District has determined that the need exists for the District to continue to replace and/or upgrade various equipment and facilities, including but not limited to:

- Continue current district staffing
- Improvement to facilities
- Upgrading of wildland and structural firefighting capabilities
 - Inclusive of, and not limited to, equipment and personnel

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Williams Rural Fire Protection District, that a measure election is called for the purpose of submitting to the District's electors the question of a local option levy for \$0.65 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation of property for a five-year period, beginning with FY 2022/2023 and ending after FY 2026/2027.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Williams Rural Fire Protection District on this 6th day of August, 2021.

Board President

Board Secretary

Ayes

Nays

Abstain/Absent

Request for Ballot Title

Preparation or Publication of Notice

SEL 805

rev 08/25
OAR 165-014-0005

No later than the **81st day before an election**, a governing body that has referred a measure must prepare and file with the local elections official the text of the referral for ballot title preparation or the ballot title for publication of notice of receipt of ballot title. This form may be used to file the text of the referral and request the elections official begin the ballot title drafting process or file a ballot title and request the elections official publish notice of receipt of ballot title.

Filing Information

Election Date

Governing Body Referring Measure

Referral Information

Title, Number, or other Identifier

This Filing is For

☐ Drafting of Ballot Title (Attach referral text.)

☐ Publication of Notice (Ballot title below.)

Ballot Title (Additional requirements may apply)

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

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

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

Authorized Official Not required to be notarized.

Name

Title

Email Address

Contact Phone

By signing this document:

→ I hereby state that I am authorized by the county, city, or district governing body to submit this Request for Ballot Title – Preparation or Publication of Notice.

Signature

Date Signed

Notice of Measure Election

District

SEL 803

rev 08/25 ORS 250.035,
250.041, 255.145, 255.345

Notice

Date of Notice	Name of District	Name of County or Counties	Date of Election
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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.

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

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

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.

Name

Title

Mailing Address

Contact Phone

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

RECEIVED

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SEL 805

**Request for Ballot Title
Preparation or Publication of Notice****JOSEPHINE
COUNTY CLERK**

No later than the 80th day before an election, a governing body that has referred a measure must prepare and file with the local elections official the text of the referral for ballot title preparation or the ballot title for publication of notice of receipt of ballot title. This form may be used to file the text of the referral and request the elections official begin the ballot title drafting process or file a ballot title and request the elections official publish notice of receipt of ballot title.

Filing Information**Election Date**

November 2, 2021

Authorized Official

Claudia Pratt, Board Chairperson

Contact Phone

541-846-7644

Email Address

adminasst@wrfpd.org

Referral Information**Title, Number or other Identifier**

Renewal of Local Option Tax for Operations

This Filing is For☐ Drafting of Ballot Title Attach referral text☒ Publication of Notice Ballot title below**Ballot Title Additional requirements may apply****Caption** 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure

Renewal of current five-year local tax option to maintain district operations

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

Shall the District impose five-year levy beginning FY2022/2023 for \$0.65/\$1000 assessed value for general operating purposes? This measure renews current local option taxes.

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

The Board of the Williams Rural Fire Protection District has determined that the need exists for the district to continue to operate at current capacity, improve facilities, upgrade wildland, structural, and EMS capabilities, and to continue current district staffing.

The measure authorizes the district to levy property taxes at a rate of \$0.65 per \$1000 of assessed valuation each year commencing the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 for five consecutive years. The levy will allow for continued district staffing, upgrades to equipment/facilities, and advancements in EMS provisions.

The levy will not begin until the 2017 levy ends. This measure will be a continued levy expense, not an additional one, renewing the current local option taxes at the same rate as the expiring levy. Total amount of local option tax to be raised, in dollars and cents at the proposed rate of \$0.65 per \$1,000 will raise approximately \$137,730 in fiscal year 2022-23, \$141,173 in fiscal year 2023-24, \$144,702 in fiscal year 2024-25, \$148,320 in fiscal year 2025-26, and \$152,028 in fiscal year 2026-27.

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 estimate and may reflect the impact of early payment discounts, compression and the collection rate.

By signing this document:

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Signature

August 11, 2021

Date Signed

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR COUNTY VOTERS= PAMPHLET

NAME OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTENT: Rick Vetter, Fire Chief

NAME OF ORGANIZATION PERSON REPRESENTS, IF ANY: Williams Rural Fire Protection District

BALLOT TITLE CAPTION: Continuation of Five Year Local Option Tax- Williams Fire District

MEASURE NUMBER:

The residents of the Williams Rural Fire Protection District currently pay \$1.7052 per \$1000 which includes the current \$0.65 per \$1000 operational levy. The permanent base tax rate of \$1.0552 per \$1000 of property value has been deemed insufficient by the Board of Directors to support the current operational level of the Williams Rural Fire Protection District. Emergency response equipment, maintenance, and operational needs have been met by a combination of the permanent tax base, operational levy, grants, donations, and a few other minor income sources. The Williams Fire District Board believes the fire district needs the operational levy to continue (with no changes in rate) in order to maintain the current operational level and service to the residents of the Williams community. The proposal is that the current levy will continue current district staffing, improvement of facilities, upgrading of wildland and structural firefighting capabilities, and advancement of EMS capabilities.

The Williams Rural Fire Protection District is looking for approval by the voters for \$0.65 per \$1000 assessed value for a period of five years which will continue the current combined tax rate total of \$1.7052 per \$1000 assessed value. This rate continues to be significantly less than the rate paid by residents of the Applegate Fire District, Illinois Valley Fire District, and Wolf Creek Fire Districts.

No one knows when a disaster will strike, and the Williams Fire District wants to be prepared to offer the highest level of service to our community. We all have a responsibility to maintain a level of self-sufficiency and be prepared for a disaster but the Williams Rural Fire Protection District believes the need exists in our community to maintain the current operational levy so we can take care of our own citizens.

The upgrades to wildland and structural firefighting capabilities along with the advancement of EMS capabilities is vital to the fire district to continue to provide the highest level of service to our community.

It has been extremely difficult to find and maintain volunteer firefighters in our community and we strive to be creative and implement new ideas that are fiscally responsible and still continue to provide the highest level of service to our community.

WORD COUNT TOTAL: 364

Signature of person responsible for the content of the explanatory statement

Date

Williams Levy Board Timeline

Date	Milestone / Deadline
July 9, 2026	Board Work Session – Discussion only; no formal action.
July 14, 2026	Board Meeting – Consider and vote on the levy referral. Adopt the resolution referring the measure to the November 3, 2026 General Election and authorize submission of the election documents.
August 14, 2026 – 5:00 PM	SEL 805 – Ballot Title / Referral Text due.
September 3, 2026 – 5:00 PM	SEL 803, Explanatory Statement, and referral documents due.
September 8, 2026 – 5:00 PM	County Voters' Pamphlet arguments due.
October 14, 2026	Ballots begin mailing to voters.
November 3, 2026	Election Day.
November 30, 2026	County election results certified.

Williams Levy Campaign Timeline

Date	Campaign Activity
August 14, 2026	Begin campaign.
September 8, 2026 – 5:00 PM	County Voters' Pamphlet arguments due.
September 8, 2026	Begin placing campaign signs.
October 12, 2026	Target mailing date for tri-fold campaign brochure.
October 14, 2026	Ballots begin mailing to voters.
November 3, 2026	Election Day.
November 10, 2026	Deadline to remove campaign signs.
November 30, 2026	County election results certified.