

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF BALLOT TITLE AND MEASURE ELECTION

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a ballot title for a measure referred by Columbia 9-1-1 Communications District has been filed with the Columbia County Clerk on August 15th, 2024. The measure election will be conducted by mail and will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

The ballot title caption is: Local Option Levy for 9-1-1 Emergency Services

Caption

Local Option Levy for 9-1-1 Emergency Services

Question

Shall Columbia 9-1-1 implement a five-year levy at \$0.29 per \$1,000 assessed value, beginning FY 2025-2026? This measure may cause property taxes to increase by more than 3%

Summary

Columbia 9-1-1 Communications District is seeking a five-year levy to support 9-1-1 services throughout Columbia County, including all fire, emergency medical, and police services in each community. Funds will be used for:

- Operating the 24-hour 9-1-1 call center.
- Providing coordination and dispatch services for 13 law enforcement, fire and emergency medical agencies.
- Maintaining essential equipment for 9-1-1 services and emergency response throughout the county
- Coordinating with the Oregon Department of Forestry, Columbia County Emergency Management and other partner agencies on wildfire response and disaster readiness.

This measure would authorize the same rate of \$0.29 per \$1,000 of assessed value that was previously approved by Columbia County voters in 1998, 2004, 2009, 2014 and 2019.

An estimate of the total amount of money to be raised for each year of the proposed levy renewal is: FY 2025-26: \$1,884,044 FY 2026-27: \$1,969,872 FY 2027-28: \$2,059,611 FY 2028-29: \$2,153,438 FY 2029-30: \$2,251,538

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 5:00 p.m. August 26th, 2024 (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.