

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF BALLOT TITLE AND MEASURE ELECTION

Filed in the Office of County Clerk 2/28/2025.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a ballot title for a measure referred by Scappoose Fire District has been filed with the Columbia County Clerk on February 28th, 2025. The measure election will be conducted by mail and will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025.

The ballot title caption is: **Continue Five-Year Local Option Levy for Scappoose Fire District**

Caption

Continue Five-Year Local Option Levy for Scappoose Fire District

Question

Shall Scappoose Fire District continue a \$1.99 per \$1,000 levy for another five years to fund essential medical/fire operations? This measure renews current local option taxes.

Summary

The proposed measure seeks to continue a levy of \$1.99 per \$1,000 of assessed property value for the Scappoose Fire District, funding essential operating expenses from 2027 to 2031. This revenue is critical for several key services, including the continuous staffing of two ambulances 24/7 including the medications and equipment that supports response operations. The funding will ensure compliance with NFPA medical testing for firefighters. Levy funds are also used to fulfill federal and OSHA personal protective equipment testing requirements and replacement. Funds will be used for annual safety inspections and maintenance for the four fire stations. Levy funds are also used to maintain NFPA and federal compliance for emergency vehicles maintenance and replacement when needed. Projected revenue from the levy is estimated to be \$3,381,674 in 2027, \$3,483,125 in 2028, \$3,587,618 in 2029, \$3,695,247 in 2030 and \$3,920,287 in 2031, ensuring essential resources for community safety. The estimated tax cost is based on data from the county assessor and considers potential early payment discounts, compression, and collection rates.

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. March 11th, (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.