

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF BALLOT TITLE AND NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given on July 9, 2026, the UMATILLA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #1 filed a ballot title for the November 3, 2026 General election ballot with Umatilla County Elections Division.

The following shall be the ballot title:

Caption: Five-year local option tax for general operations

Question: Shall District impose \$0.89 per \$1,000 of assessed value for five years beginning 2027-28 to fund general operations? This measure may cause property taxes to increase than three percent.

Summary: Umatilla County Fire District #1 provides fire and life safety services within the territory of the Fire District. These emergency services are provided 24 hours per day with a combination of paid professional staff and trained volunteers.

The district does not currently receive an operating levy. If approved, this measure would adopt a new levy of \$0.89 per \$1,000 of assessed value. This new levy would allow the district to maintain current paramedic, EMT, and firefighter staffing levels, and retain 16 of said staff that are currently funded by a temporary Federal Emergency Management Administration grant, which expires in 2028. This levy would additionally fund emergency medical and firefighting operations.

Without the new levy funding, at least 16 total paramedic, EMT, and firefighter positions currently funded by the FEMA grant will be eliminated and one fire station closed for 24 hour staffing.

The proposed rate will raise approximately \$2,630,026.00 in 2027-28, \$2,708,926.78 in 2028-29, \$2,790,194.58 in 2029-2030, \$2,873,900.42 in 2030-2031, and \$2,960,117.43 in 2031-2032, for a total over five years of \$13,963,165.21.

As indicated in ORS 250.195, an elector may file a petition for review of ballot title in Umatilla County Circuit Court no later than 5:00 p.m. July 20, 2026.

/s/ Kim Lindell
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