



### Notice of Receipt of Ballot Title

In accordance with ORS 255.085: Notice is hereby given that a Ballot Title has been filed with the Clerk of Washington County, OR, on August 16, 2023, for inclusion in the November 7, 2023 Special Election. In accordance with ORS 255.155 any elector dissatisfied with the Ballot Title may petition Washington County Circuit Court no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 25, 2023. The Ballot Title may be reviewed at Washington County Elections, 2925 NE Aloclek Dr STE 170, Hillsboro, OR 97124 or on the Election's website: [www.washingtoncountyor.gov/elections](http://www.washingtoncountyor.gov/elections)

### Name of District: Gaston Rural Fire District

**Caption:** RENEWAL OF 5-YEAR LOCAL OPTION LEVY FOR CAPITAL AND OPERATIONS.

**Question:** Shall the District increase the Local Option Levy at the rate of \$1.01 per \$1,000 assessed value beginning in FY2024/2025? This measure may cause property taxes to increase by more than three percent.

**Summary:** This measure will replace the current Local Option Levy of \$0.67 and increase it by \$0.34 per \$1,000 assessed value beginning fiscal year 2024/2025. The proposed total Local Option Levy of \$1.01 per \$1,000 assessed value will support the annual cost of fire and emergency medical services and capital costs.

The District operates one station that responded to approximately 759 calls for service to the communities of Cherry Grove, Laurelwood, and the City of Gaston during 2022. The District began staffing the station 24/7 which has improved the response times.

The new levy would:

- Maintain a 24/7 staffing model at the fire station.
- Allow the District to sufficiently cover costs associated with the goal of maintaining adequate response times.
- Provide protective clothing, equipment, and training for volunteer membership.
- Acquire, upgrade, renovate, and improve apparatus and equipment.
- Upgrade technology equipment and software

The new Local Option Levy would raise approximately: \$468,097 in 2025-2026, \$482,140 in 2026-2027, \$496,605 in 2027-2028, \$511,503 in 2028-2029, and \$526,848 in 2029-2030

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