

Request for Ballot Title Preparation or Publication of Notice

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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 November 7, 2023	Authorized Official Michael Pedemonte
Contact Phone 503-849-0098	Email Address Michael.Pedemonte@gastonfire.org
Referral Information	
Title, Number or other Identifier Five-Year Local Option Tax Levy for Capital and Operations	
This Filing is For	
<input type="checkbox"/> Drafting of Ballot Title Attach referral text.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 5-YEAR LOCAL OPTION LEVY FOR CAPITAL AND OPERATIONS.	
Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure. 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 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect. 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	
By signing this document: → I hereby state that I am authorized by the county or city governing body, or district elections authority to submit this Request for Ballot Title – Preparation or Publication of Notice.	

[Redacted Signature]

Signature

8/16/23
Date Signed