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Notice of Measure Election  
District

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Notice			
Date of Notice	Name of District	Name of County or Counties	Date of Election
	Williams Rural Fire Protection District	Josephine County	Nov 2, 2021

**Final Ballot Title** The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the district's voters. The ballot title notice has been published and the ballot title challenge process has been completed.

**Caption** 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure.

Renewal of current ~~five-year~~ local ~~tax option~~ to maintain district operations  
Option tax

**Question** 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.

Shall the District impose five-year levy beginning FY2022/2023 for \$0.65/\$1000 assessed value for general operating purposes? This measure renews current local option taxes.

**Summary** 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.

The Board of the Williams Rural Fire Protection District has determined that the need exists for the district to continue to operate at current capacity, improve facilities, upgrade wildland, structural, and EMS capabilities, and to continue current district staffing.

The measure authorizes the district to levy property taxes at a rate of \$0.65 per \$1000 of assessed valuation each year commencing the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 for five consecutive years. The levy will allow for continued district staffing, upgrades to equipment/facilities, and advancements in EMS provisions.

The levy will not begin until the 2017 levy ends. This measure will be a continued levy expense, not an additional one, renewing the current local option taxes at the same rate as the expiring levy. Total amount of local option tax to be raised, in dollars and cents at the proposed rate of \$0.65 per \$1,000 will raise approximately \$137,730 in fiscal year 2022-23, \$141,173 in fiscal year 2023-24, \$144,702 in fiscal year 2024-25, \$148,320 in fiscal year 2025-26, and \$152,028 in fiscal year 2026-27.

"The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of estimate and may reflect the impact of early payment discounts, compression and the collection rate."

**Explanatory Statement** 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect.

If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be drafted and attached to this form for:  
 → any measure referred by the district elections authority; or  
 → any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.

Explanatory Statement Attached?  Yes  No

**Authorized District Official** Not required to be notarized.

Name	Title
Claudia Pratt	Board Chairperson
Mailing Address	Contact Phone
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By signing this document:  
 → I hereby state that I am authorized by the district elections authority to submit this Notice of Measure Election; and  
 → I certify that notice of receipt of ballot title has been published and the ballot title challenge process for this measure completed.

  
Signature

August 30, 2021

Date Signed



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**RESOLUTION 2021/2022- 1**  
**PLACING LOCAL OPTION LEVY**  
**ON NOVEMBER 2021 BALLOT**


**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of Williams Rural Fire Protection District has determined that the need exists for the District to continue to replace and/or upgrade various equipment and facilities, including but not limited to:

- Continue current district staffing
- Improvement to facilities
- Upgrading of wildland and structural firefighting capabilities
  - Inclusive of, and not limited to, equipment and personnel

**THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Board of Directors of the Williams Rural Fire Protection District, that a measure election is called for the purpose of submitting to the District's electors the question of a local option levy for \$0.65 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation of property for a five-year period, beginning with FY 2022/2023 and ending after FY 2026/2027.

**ADOPTED** by the Board of Directors of the Williams Rural Fire Protection District on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

  
Board President

  
Board Secretary

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Ayes

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Nays

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Abstain/Absent

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR COUNTY VOTERS= PAMPHLET

NAME OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTENT: Rick Vetter, Fire Chief

NAME OF ORGANIZATION PERSON REPRESENTS, IF ANY: Williams Rural Fire Protection District

BALLOT TITLE CAPTION: Continuation of Five Year Local Option Tax- Williams Fire District

### MEASURE NUMBER:

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The residents of the Williams Rural Fire Protection District currently pay \$1.7052 per \$1000 which includes the current \$0.65 per \$1000 operational levy. The permanent base tax rate of \$1.0552 per \$1000 of property value has been deemed insufficient by the Board of Directors to support the current operational level of the Williams Rural Fire Protection District. Emergency response equipment, maintenance, and operational needs have been met by a combination of the permanent tax base, operational levy, grants, donations, and a few other minor income sources. The Williams Fire District Board believes the fire district needs the operational levy to continue (with no changes in rate) in order to maintain the current operational level and service to the residents of the Williams community. The proposal is that the current levy will continue current district staffing, improvement of facilities, upgrading of wildland and structural firefighting capabilities, and advancement of EMS capabilities.

The Williams Rural Fire Protection District is looking for approval by the voters for \$0.65 per \$1000 assessed value for a period of five years which will continue the current combined tax rate total of \$1.7052 per \$1000 assessed value. This rate continues to be significantly less than the rate paid by residents of the Applegate Fire District, Illinois Valley Fire District, and Wolf Creek Fire Districts.

No one knows when a disaster will strike, and the Williams Fire District wants to be prepared to offer the highest level of service to our community. We all have a responsibility to maintain a level of self-sufficiency and be prepared for a disaster but the Williams Rural Fire Protection District believes the need exists in our community to maintain the current operational levy so we can take care of our own citizens.

The upgrades to wildland and structural firefighting capabilities along with the advancement of EMS capabilities is vital to the fire district to continue to provide the highest level of service to our community.

It has been extremely difficult to find and maintain volunteer firefighters in our community and we strive to be creative and implement new ideas that are fiscally responsible and still continue to provide the highest level of service to our community.

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WORD COUNT TOTAL: 364



Signature of person responsible for the content of the explanatory statement

Aug 30, 2021

Date