

RESOLUTION NO. 1222

CITY OF GLADSTONE, OREGON

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE CITY A CONTINUED LOCAL OPTION TAX AT A RATE OF \$.31 PER \$1,000 ASSESSED VALUE ANNUALLY FOR FIVE YEARS TO PROVIDE FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, fire and emergency medical services are basic and vital city services for the citizens of Gladstone; and

WHEREAS, the Gladstone Fire Station's staffing levels, without the local option tax, would not be sufficient to provide the proper level of fire protection or requisite management level to support those positions; and

WHEREAS, in 1998 the Gladstone voters approved a five-year local option tax that became effective in 1999 that was renewed in 2002, 2008, 2012, and 2018; and

WHEREAS, In April 2022, the City entered into an intergovernmental agreement with Clackamas Fire District #1 to operate Gladstone's fire station at 555 Portland Avenue and to provide fire protection and emergency services to all of Gladstone's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, this levy rate is the same rate that was approved by the voters in 2018; and

WHEREAS, this measure, if approved, would continue funding the positions of needed fire and emergency medical staff at current service levels; and

WHEREAS, this proposed tax measure is outside the limitation imposed by Section 11, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution and must be submitted to the voters of the City for their approval:

The City of Gladstone Resolves as follows:

SECTION 1. An election is hereby called for the City of Gladstone, Clackamas County, Oregon, for the purpose of submitting to the legal voters of the City the following:

QUESTION: Shall Gladstone renew operating levy of \$0.31 per \$1,000 for fire and medical services for five years beginning 2024-2025? This measure renews current local option taxes.

SECTION 2. Tuesday, November 7, 2023, is hereby designated the date for holding the election for the purpose of voting on the measure as stated in Section 1, which election will be by mail-in ballot in the City of Gladstone, Clackamas County, Oregon.

SECTION 3. The precincts for said election shall be and constitute all of the territory included within the corporate limits of the City of Gladstone.

SECTION 4. The ballot title certified by the City Council shall be:



CAPTION: RENEWAL OF CURRENT OPERATING LEVY FOR FIRE AND MEDICAL SERVICES

QUESTION: Shall Gladstone renew operating levy of \$0.31 per \$1,000 for fire and medical services for five years beginning 2024-2025? This measure renews current local option taxes.

SUMMARY: This measure renews the current fire and emergency medical services operating levy which will expire in June 2024. The City Council placed this measure on the ballot to maintain existing services for fire protection and emergency medical response such as:

- Current staffing level (3 firefighters at Gladstone station) to maintain current response times for emergency calls
- Includes paramedic on duty 24/7
- Chief officer coverage for command and control of emergencies and other duties
- Fire protection services; response to structure and wildland fires
- Response to medical emergencies, vehicle crashes
- Training and equipping firefighters and paramedics
- Mutual assistance with Portland, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue and other surrounding fire departments
- Purchasing capital equipment: fire engines, resource vehicles, protective equipment to maintain existing fire protection and emergency medical services

Estimated amounts to be raised by this levy:

2024-2025:	\$336,315
2025-2026:	\$377,304
2026-2027:	\$388,623
2027-2028:	\$400,282
2028-2029:	\$412,290
TOTAL:	\$1,944,814

SECTION 5: In compliance with the Gladstone Municipal Code and ORS 251.345, the City Recorder is authorized to submit an impartial explanatory statement for the Clackamas County Voters' Pamphlet on behalf of the City.

SECTION 6: A copy of this ballot title and the associated explanatory statement shall be published in the next available edition of a newspaper of general distribution in the City as well as notice of the seven-day challenge period as required in ORS 250.296.



SECTION 7: Each section of this resolution, and any part thereof, is severable. If any part of this resolution is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this resolution shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 8: This resolution is effective immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Common Council and approved by the Mayor this 11th day of July, 2023.

ATTEST:



Michael Milch, Mayor



Tami Bannick, City Recorder

