

**Notice of Measure Election  
District**

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Notice			
Date of Notice	Name of District	Name of County or Counties	Date of Election
	Evans Valley Fire District #6	Jackson	5/21/2024

**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.  
Five-year local option tax for general operations.

**Question** 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.  
Shall the District impose \$1.35 per \$1,000 of assessed value for five years, beginning 2025-2026, to fund general operations? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.


**Summary** 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.  
Evans Valley Fire District #6 provides fire and life safety services within the territory of the district. If adopted, this measure would replace the current levy of \$0.36 per \$1,000 of assessed value with a new levy of \$1.35 per \$1,000 of assessed value. A new levy will allow for maintaining current service levels in the district. Without the new levy, service reductions will occur, jeopardizing the district's ISO rating and potentially affecting homeowners' insurance rates.  
The proposed levy of \$1.35 per \$1,000 of assessed value would secure funding to retain two firefighter positions currently funded by an Oregon State Fire Marshal's Capacity Grant. The two firefighter positions have been vital for the district's emergency response services. Grant funding for the firefighter positions expires May, 2026.  
The replacement levy would also fund essential services such as the student staffing program, apparatus replacement, facilities maintenance, and equipment replacement. Without the replacement levy, the district will be unable to maintain its level of fire and life safety services within the district.  
The proposed rate will raise approximately \$410,309 in 2025-2026, \$422,619 in 2026-2027, \$435,297 in 2027-2028, \$448,356 in 2028-2029, and \$461,807 in 2029-2030, for a total over five years of \$2,178,388

**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.

<b>Name</b> Tom Davidson	<b>Title</b> Fire Chief
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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 \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed **3/15/2024**

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**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR COUNTY VOTERS' PAMPHLET**

NAME OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTENT: Tom Davidson

NAME OF ORGANIZATION PERSON REPRESENTS, IF ANY: Evans Valley Fire District #6

BALLOT TITLE CAPTION: Five-year local option tax for general operations

MEASURE NUMBER: 15-229

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**(Explanatory Statement Shall Be Typed)**

The Evans Valley Fire District No. 6 Board of Directors voted to propose a new five-year local option tax levy of \$1.35 per \$1,000 of assessed value to replace the current levy of \$0.36 per \$1,000, starting in fiscal year 2025-2026. This measure will be put to a vote on the May ballot, seeking approval from district residents.

In 2023, the Fire District secured grant funding for two firefighter positions for three years through the Oregon Fire Service Capacity Program. These positions have been filled and have enhanced the district's ability to respond promptly to emergencies. However, this grant funding will expire in May, 2026. The proposed levy aims to sustain these positions and maintain current service levels beyond the grant's expiration.

Without the new levy, service reductions will occur, jeopardizing the district's ISO rating and potentially affecting homeowners' insurance rates.

A "Yes" vote on the levy would ensure funding for the Fire District through fiscal year 2029-2030, enabling the continuation of current service levels and the retention of paid staff positions. This funding will support the district in meeting the increasing demands of emergency calls (fire, medicals, public hazards, and wildland fires) and maintaining essential equipment, apparatus, and facilities.

The Fire District's permanent tax rate is \$1.2905 per \$1,000 of assessed value, but additional revenue from the local option levy is crucial to fully funding operations, preserving facilities, maintaining apparatus, and maintaining the apparatus replacement fund. Given rising costs and call volumes, the Board of Directors believes this levy is necessary to ensure adequate fire and life safety coverage in the district and meet the community's emergency response needs.

Evans Valley Fire District No. 6 operates independently as a "special district," separate from cities or counties. Established in 1963, it is governed by an elected Board of Directors representing the interests of district residents. This board, and a budget committee comprised of five district citizens, make policy decisions and financial recommendations to ensure cost-effective delivery of fire, emergency medical, and life safety services.

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WORD COUNT TOTAL: 334

THE TOTAL WORD COUNT CANNOT EXCEED 500 WORDS.

  
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SIGNATURE OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONTENT OF THE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

3/15/2024

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DATE