


Jackson County voters' pamphlet

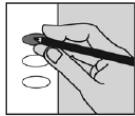


Oregon Vote-by-Mail Special Election

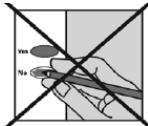
November 7, 2023

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

Examine your Official Ballot and locate the response of your choice. To vote, you must completely darken the oval () to the left of the response of your choice with black or blue ink.



If you vote **both** Yes **and** No on a measure, it is called an overvote. Your vote **will not count** for that measure.



Contact Jackson County Elections to request a replacement if:

- you make a mistake
- your ballot is damaged or spoiled
- your ballot is lost

or for any other reason.

RETURN YOUR BALLOT

By mail: Mail your ballot so it is postmarked by the USPS by Election Day.

In person at an official drop site: Deposit your ballot in an official Oregon ballot drop box by 8 pm on Election Day.

Jackson County Elections

1101 W. Main St., Suite 201, Medford, OR 97501
(541) 774-6148 www.jacksoncountyor.org

DROP SITE LOCATIONS

Ballots must be deposited in an official ballot drop site by 8 pm on ELECTION DAY, November 7, 2023.

Jackson County Elections *Opening Monday, October 23rd*

1101 W. Main St., Suite 201, Medford, OR 97501
Curbside ballot drop box open 24 hours daily (left lane - W. Main)
Elections office open 8 am to 4 pm (7 am - 8 pm on Election Day)

Rogue River Library *Opening Monday, October 23rd*

412 E. Main St., Rogue River, OR 97537
Walk up ballot drop box open 24 hours daily (library main branch entrance)
Closes at 8 pm Election Day

VOTER REGISTRATION

The deadline to register to vote is the 21st day before an election.

Registering to Vote

To vote in Oregon you need to be registered in the county where you reside. You can register if you can answer yes to these three questions:

- Are you a resident of Oregon?
- Are you a U.S. citizen?
- Are you at least 16 years of age?

If you are 16 or 17 years of age, you will not receive a ballot until an election occurs on or after your 18th birthday.

How to register

You can register to vote online at www.oregonvotes.gov or you can get a voter registration card at any of the following places:

- any county elections office
- the Secretary of State's office
- some state agencies such as the Division of Motor Vehicles
- a voter registration drive

You can fill the card out in person or send it in by US mail. You can also print out a registration card online at www.oregonvotes.gov.

Updating your voter registration

Once you have registered, you are responsible for keeping your information up to date. You can do this online at www.oregonvotes.gov or by completing and returning a voter registration card with the new information.

Assistance in Marking Ballot; Allowances and Limitations

Any voter who, due to a disability or inability to read or write, is unable to mark their ballot may receive assistance. The assistance is provided either by two persons of different political parties provided by the county clerk or by some other person chosen by the voter. Any person assisting a voter must follow the direction of the voter as to how to vote the ballot. Also, the person assisting the voter must not afterwards give out any information about how the voter voted. Additionally, a person may not provide such assistance if they are an employer of the voter or an agent of the employer. Also, a person may not provide such assistance if they are an officer or agent of a union of which the voter is a member. (ORS 254.445)

Translation Information

Selected portions of this county voters' pamphlet are available in Simplified Chinese, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese. These translations can be found online at oregonvotes.gov/JacksonVP

本县选民手册的部分内容提供简体中文版本。可以访问 oregonvotes.gov/JacksonVP 获取译本。

주 유권자 팜플렛의 선택된 부분은 한국어 준비되어 있습니다. 번역은 온라인 oregonvotes.gov/JacksonVP 에서 찾아볼 수 있습니다.

Отдельные части брошюр избирателей этого округа доступны на русском языке. С данными переводами можно ознакомиться в Интернете по адресу: oregonvotes.gov/JacksonVP

Algunas secciones de este folleto para votantes del condado están disponibles en español. Estas traducciones están disponibles en línea en oregonvotes.gov/JacksonVP

Ang mga piling bahagi ng mga pamphlet na ito para sa mga botante ng county ay mababasa sa Tagalog. Makikita online ang mga pagsasaling-wikang ito sa oregonvotes.gov/JacksonVP

Các phần được chọn trong tập thông tin cho cử tri quận này có bản ngôn ngữ tiếng Việt. Bản dịch có thể xem trực tuyến tại oregonvotes.gov/JacksonVP

Measure 15-218

City of Rogue River

Ballot Title

15-218

Charter amendment changing Mayor's term from two to four years.

Question: Shall the City Charter be amended to change the Mayor's term from two to four years?

Summary: As the position of Mayor requires great dedication and is only familiar to incumbents after several years of service the City Council is suggesting that citizens extend the term of Mayor from two to four years.

Explanatory Statement

This measure proposes an amendment to the Charter of the City of Rogue River. The amendment would extend the term of Mayor from two to four years.

The role of Mayor requires great dedication and takes several years to appreciate, the City Council is suggesting that the Mayor's term of office be extended from two to four years. This measure would extend the Mayor's term from two to four years.

(This information furnished by the City of Rogue River.)

Measure 15-219

City of Rogue River

Ballot Title

15-219

Charter amendment repealing term limits for elected Councilor's and Mayor.

Question: Shall the City Charter be amended to eliminate term limits for elected City Council members and Mayor?

Summary: In 1996 the City Charter was amended to provide that City Council members could not serve more than two (2) four year terms, and Mayors could not serve more than two (2) two year terms. Further, the amendment provided that no person shall be eligible to hold any combination of City elective office for a total of more than twelve (12) years. In 2014 the City Charter was amended to provide that following two terms as City Councilor or Mayor any person could sit out one election cycle and then be eligible to run for office again, but clarified that no one person could hold elective office for more than twelve (12) consecutive years. The effect of this Charter amendment would be to allow any otherwise eligible person to be eligible to serve in any elective office for so long as the voters of the City of Rogue River elect them to such position.

Explanatory Statement

This measure proposes an amendment to the Charter of the City of Rogue River. The amendment would repeal existing term limits for the positions of City Council and Mayor.

The term limits for the positions of City Council and Mayor were established in 1996, by a Charter amendment, and amended in 2014 by a Charter amendment. This measure would provide that the positions would not have any limitation on the number of terms that could be served by a person elected to that position.

The current Charter provision provides that a City Council member or Mayor may serve no more than two terms and no more than a total of twelve consecutive years in any elective office of the City. This measure amending the Charter would repeal the term limits adopted in 1996. The effect of this Charter Amendment would be to allow any otherwise eligible person to serve in any elective office for so long as the voters of the City of Rogue River elect them to such position.

(This information furnished by the City of Rogue River.)

Argument in Opposition

Taxpayers Association of Oregon
urges No vote on 15-219

If Rogue River politicians thought term limits were too constrictive, why didn't they just offer a friendly amendment to the law to allow for a little more time?

They instead are trying to abolish term limits so politicians could aim to serve forever ... just like President Joe Biden (age 80) who has served beyond his mental capacity.

Don't abolish sensible term limits.

No to "forever politicians". No on 15-219.

Follow the Taxpayers Association of Oregon online at OregonWatchdog.com

(This information furnished by Jason Williams, Taxpayers Association of Oregon.)

The printing of this argument does not constitute an endorsement by the County of Jackson, nor does the county warrant the accuracy or truth of any statement made in the argument.

Measure 15-222 Rogue River Rural Fire Protection District 1

Ballot Title

15-222

10-Year Tax Levy Renewal for Emergency Services Capital Expenses

Question: Shall District impose \$0.25 per \$1,000 of assessed value for capital expenses for ten years beginning 2024-2025? This measure renews current local option taxes.

Summary: This measure would authorize Rogue River Rural Fire Protection District to renew its current local option tax levy to replace and standardize apparatus and equipment and provide maintenance on the fire station at a rate of \$0.25 per \$1,000 of assessed value on real property located within the District beginning fiscal year 2024-25. The rate of the levy proposed in this measure will not exceed the rate levied by the current 10-year local option levy which expires at the end of fiscal year 2023-24. Approving this levy would not increase the total local option assessment rate currently imposed on property within the Fire District.

The money raised by this levy would be used for capital expenses of the Fire District, such as fire apparatus and emergency response equipment. Passage of this levy would allow the Fire District to maintain its use of updated vehicles and equipment in responding to fire and life safety emergency calls.

This proposed levy would raise approximately \$185,955 in 2024-25, \$191,533 in 2025-26, \$197,279 in 2026-27, \$203,197 in 2027-28, \$209,292 in 2028-29, \$215,570 in 2029-30, \$222,037 in 2030-31, \$228,698 in 2031-32, \$235,558 in 2032-33, and \$242,624 in 2033-34, for a total of \$2,131,743.

Explanatory Statement

At the May, 2014 election, voters within the Rogue River Fire District authorized a ten-year local option levy at the rate of \$0.25 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The levy funded capital expenses of the Fire District.

This measure before the voters now is a renewal of the 2014 levy. If adopted, there will be no overlap of the two levies. When the 2014 levy expires, this new levy would take its place at the same rate for an additional ten years.

Over the last ten years, the local option levy allowed Rogue River Fire District to replace aging equipment, save for vehicle purchases, and make improvements to the fire station. If voters approve the levy renewal, the Fire District will be able to make needed improvements to the station and continue maintaining its capital equipment to provide effective fire and life safety services while at the same time safeguarding the staff and volunteers providing these essential services.

Rogue River Fire District is a special governmental service district that provides traditional fire, rescue, and fire prevention services to the City of Rogue River as well as the rural areas surrounding the City. The Fire District provides fire and life safety service to approximately 12,000 people who live within the 77 square miles of the Fire District territory. The Fire District also provides ambulance service to 200 square miles of northwestern Jackson County. All services are provided from one station which is staffed 24 hours per day by a mix of career employees and dedicated volunteers.

The Fire District is governed by an elected Board of Directors who are residents of the Fire District. As elected representatives, their responsibility is to represent the interests of Fire District residents by making policy decisions that ensure the highest level of fire services, emergency medical services, and life safety services are provided in the most cost-effective manner. The Fire District also has a budget committee made up of the Board of Directors and five additional Fire District residents that makes recommendations on Fire District expenditures.

Maintaining and updating equipment and facilities is a key component in providing fire and life safety services within the Fire District territory. The Fire District keeps an updated strategic plan to efficiently allocate revenue and prioritize expenditures. Through this process the Fire District Board of Directors and Fire District personnel aim to be good stewards of public funds and the public trust.

(This information furnished by Rogue River Rural Fire Protection District 1.)