

voters' pamphlet



Oregon Vote-by-Mail Special Election

September 17, 2019

This Voters' Pamphlet is provided to give the voter additional information on this measure. The text of the statements are printed as submitted.

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Drop Sites:

Sisters City Hall

520 E Cascade Ave

Box located west of front door

Opens Friday, Aug 30, Available 7 days a week
Election Day, Tuesday, Sept 17: open until 8 pm

Bend

Deschutes Service Building

1300 NW Wall St

Box located on Parkway side of building

Opens Friday, Aug 30, Available 7 days a week
Election Day, Tuesday, Sept 17: open until 8 pm

Replacement Ballot:

You can request a replacement ballot if you make a mistake, your ballot is damaged or spoiled, your ballot is lost, or for any other reason. Contact the Deschutes County Elections office at 541-388-6547 to request a replacement ballot.

Reminder:

Your ballot will not be counted if your envelope is not signed! All ballots must be received no later than 8 pm on Tuesday, September 17. Postmarks do not count.

Deschutes County Election Results

Election results are available after 8 pm on September 17 from the County Elections office or on the internet at

www.deschutes.org/electionresults. The results will be updated throughout the night.

To be eligible to vote in the September 17, 2019 Special Election, a completed voter registration card must be postmarked by August 27, 2019.

To register to vote in Oregon, you must be:

1. A resident of Oregon.
2. A United States citizen.
3. At least 18 years old by election day.

You must update your registration if:

1. Your residence or mailing address changes.
2. Your name changes.
3. You wish to change your party affiliation.

Important Note:

If you have moved or your name has changed and you have not yet updated your registration, you are still eligible to vote. Contact the Deschutes County Elections office, 541-388-6547 for further information.

Voters with Disabilities:

If you are unable to vote your ballot without assistance because of a physical disability or because you are unable to read or write, contact the Deschutes County Elections office at 541-388-6547. We will provide two persons to assist you in voting. To assure your voted ballot is received by Election Day, contact the elections office early to arrange for assistance. You may also select someone else of your own choice to assist you.

Black Butte Ranch Rural Fire Protection District

Measure 9-128

Renewal of Current Five-Year Local Option Tax for General Operations

QUESTION: Shall District impose up to \$1.76 per \$1,000 of assessed value for general operations for five years beginning FY 2020/2021? This measure renews current local option taxes.

SUMMARY: This measure may be passed only at an election with at least a 50 percent voter turnout.

Black Butte Ranch Rural Fire Protection District (the "District") provides Fire and Emergency Medical Services to its residents on a 24 hour 7 day per week basis. The District's current permanent tax rate is \$1.4677/\$1,000 of assessed value of property in the District.

The District requires additional funds to maintain current programs and levels of service. The local option tax would be up to \$1.76/\$1,000 of assessed value of property and begin FY 2020/2021. This levy would renew the current levy ending June 2020 of up to \$1.76/\$1,000 of assessed value of property.

The ESTIMATED local option taxes, if fully imposed, over 5 years are:

\$1,215,655 in 2020/21
\$1,252,124 in 2021/22
\$1,289,688 in 2022/23
\$1,328,379 in 2023/24
\$1,368,230 in 2024/25

Revenues from this five year operating levy will enable the District to continue current staffing and service levels; avoiding reduction or deletion of services. Less than 47% of the district's expenses are covered by the permanent tax rate. The remaining 53% of needed revenues are covered by this levy and other resources.

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

Black Butte Ranch Rural Fire Protection District (the "District") provides Fire and Emergency Medical Services to its residents on a 24 hour 7 day per week basis. The District's current permanent tax rate is \$1.4677 per \$1,000 of assessed value of property in the District.

The District has proposed a local option tax to increase the budget for operations. The local option tax would be up to \$1.76 per \$1,000 of assessed value of property. On a \$450,000 home, the assessment would be up to \$66 per month or \$792 per year. The proposed rate, if fully imposed, would raise approximately \$1,215,655 in 2020/21; \$1,252,124 in 2021/22; \$1,289,688 in 2022/23; \$1,328,379 in 2023/24; \$1,368,230 in 2024/25.

This levy would renew the current levy ending June 2020 of up to \$1.76 per \$1,000 of assessed value of property.

The District's estimated annual expenses over these five years are expected to be as follows:

2020-21 Approximately \$2,082,304
2021-22 Approximately \$2,200,906
2022-23 Approximately \$2,281,526
2023-24 Approximately \$2,421,518
2024-25 Approximately \$2,491,205

The Oregon Constitution allows for a 3% annual increase in the assessed value for each property, and because Black Butte Ranch is nearly built to capacity, there is minimal or no growth from new construction or expansion. With operations increasing at a greater rate coupled with little growth, the district is not able to maintain the current level of service.

Revenues from this five year operating levy will enable the District to continue fully funding its current staffing and service levels; avoiding reduction or deletion of services.

(This information furnished by Dan Tucker,
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