

**Sauvie Island Fire District Measure  
2024 GENERAL ELECTION**

**Measure 26-257: Continuation of Five-Year Local Option Levy for general operating purposes**

**OFFICIAL TITLE:** Continuation of Five-Year Local Option Levy for general operating purposes

**QUESTION:** Shall the District continue a \$0.3500 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value for five years for operating purposes beginning 2025-2026? This measure renews current local option taxes.

**REFERRAL:** The Sauvie Island Fire District (also known as Sauvie Island Volunteer Rural Fire Protection District; RFPD; District) has referred this measure to District voters at the November 5, 2024 General Election.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** The District is asking its voters to continue with the local option levy at its current rate of \$0.35 per \$1,000 for the next five years.

The rate is estimated to raise the following amounts: \$74,750.00 in 2025/2026, \$76,395.00 in 2026/2027, \$78,075.00 in 2027/2028, \$79,793.00 in 2028/2029 and \$81,548.00 in 2029/2030. 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.

**PROBABLE RESULT OF A “YES” VOTE:** If this measure passes, the District will continue to be able to finance general operating expenses, including physical, equipment, and proficiency testing of firefighters and equipment, and equipment.

**PROBABLE RESULTS OF A “NO” VOTE:** If this measure fails, the District will no longer be able to finance its general operating expenses at the level this levy enables. Hence, it will no longer be able to maintain the current level of service to the District’s residents.

**BACKGROUND:** Established in 1980, the District has developed 12 pieces of equipment and volunteer staff to respond to calls on the 32-acre Island. Seventy percent of the most recent calls were for medical emergencies, while the remainder of the calls consist of firefighting, rescue, and other emergency calls for help (downed power lines, public assists, etc).

**PROPOSAL:** The levy requested by the District to be renewed will permit the District to continue to maintain its existing equipment, provide professional dress to its firefighters, and operate in conformity with its most recently adopted budget.

**SUPPORTERS SAY:**

- The current levy should be renewed to provide support for close to the current level of general operating expenses, although such expenses are increasing, and this levy is only an extension of the existing levy, not an increase.

**OPPONENTS SAY:**

*As of September 14, 2024, there is no known opposition to this measure.*