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Notice of Measure Election

District

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Notice

Date of Notice 2/20/19	Name of District Banks Fire District No. 13	Name of County or Counties Washington	Date of Election 5/21/2019
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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.

Local Option Replacement Levy to Maintain Fire, Emergency Medical Services.

Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.

Shall District levy \$0.97 per \$1,000 assessed value for fire and emergency medical services for five years beginning 2020-2021? This measure may cause property taxes to increase by more than three percent.

Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.

See attached.

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.

Name Rodney Linz	Title 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

2/20/2019

Banks Fire District

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Summary Statement — 175 words

Banks Fire District No.13 provides fire and emergency medical services to 136 square miles, covering the communities of Banks, Buxton, Manning, Timber and surrounding areas. Operations are funded through a property tax base and local option levy. With this measure the Board of Directors is asking voters to replace the current local option levy of \$0.62 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The new local option levy would increase the existing levy by \$0.35, making this new local option levy \$0.97 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

The replacement levy would help:

- Ensure current response times and number of responders on emergency calls are maintained.
- Allow the District to maintain service levels while responding to a 63% increase in emergency calls since 2005 when the current levy rate was originally approved by voters.
- Ensure the main station in Banks is staffed 24-hours-a-day by funding the Student Intern Program.
- Ensure services including fire prevention and life safety education, CPR classes, and smoke detector installation are continued at the current level.

Estimated revenue for each year of the levy:

\$522,794.00 in 2020-2021

\$538,478.00 in 2021-2022

\$554,632.00 in 2022-2023

\$571,271.00 in 2023-2024

\$588,409.00 in 2024-2025

For a total of \$2,775,585.00

Measure Explanatory Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet

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Important! Read all instructions before completing this form. Use this form when filing a 'Measure Explanatory Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet' with your County Elections office. If a local government is located in more than one county, the county clerk of the county in which the city hall of the city or the administrative office of the local government is located shall be the filing officer for the 'Measure Explanatory Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet'.

Filing Information

Election: Primary 20____ General 20____ Special 2019 Measure # _____

Ballot Title Caption

Local Option Replacement Levy to Maintain Fire, Emergency Medical Services.

Name of Person responsible for content of 'Explanatory Statement' (as it should appear in the Voters' Pamphlet):

Rodney Linz

Name of Jurisdiction/Organization Person is authorized to represent (as it should appear in the Voters' Pamphlet):

Banks Fire District No. 13

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SIGNATURE

Signature of person responsible for content of 'Explanatory Statement' 2/20/2019
Date

MEASURE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

See attached for 'Measure Explanatory Statement' (500 word/number MAX).

For Office Use only:

County: Wash

Word count (500 max): 486

Signed? Yes No

Providing digital file? Yes No

'Measure Explanatory Statement' attached?

Received digital file? Yes No

Yes No

Review Staff Initials: KW

Intake Staff Initials: KW

**Explanatory Statement for Printing in
the Washington County Voters' Pamphlet**

Measure Number: _____ Word Total: 486 (500 limit)

Election Date: May 21, 2019

Ballot Title Caption: Local option replacement levy to maintain fire, emergency medical services

What services does the Banks Fire District provide?

Banks Fire District No.13 is the first responder for medical emergencies and fires in its service area. Fire prevention, fire investigation, public education, and rescue services are also provided.

Who does the District serve?

Banks Fire provides fire and emergency medical services to 136 square miles, covering the communities of Banks, Buxton, Manning, Timber and surrounding rural areas.

How many first-responders does the District have?

Banks Fire has three full-time firefighters, comprised of the Fire Chief/EMT and two firefighter/paramedics. All three respond to fire and medical emergencies. One of the firefighter/paramedics is the District's training officer and the other is the District's volunteer coordinator.

The District also has approximately 70 volunteers including:

- Student Interns are volunteers enrolled in college-level firefighter/EMT courses and work 24-hour shifts, ensuring the main station in Banks is staffed 24/7, thus shortening response times.
- Tour-of-duty volunteers are trained firefighter/EMTs or paramedics gaining experience in anticipation of finding a full-time firefighter/EMT position.
- Community-based volunteers are local residents who have received firefighting and/or emergency medical training.

What is the size of a response crew?

Currently, Banks Fire responds to most calls with 3 or 4-member crews — commonly one full-time firefighter/EMT and up to 3 volunteers.

How is the District funded?

The District is funded through a permanent property tax base and a voter-approved local option levy that will expire in 2020. Also, in 2017, voters approved a bond to build a fire station in Buxton, upgrade Banks and Timber stations, and replace fire apparatus. The District also applies for grants when appropriate.

How would the replacement levy funds be used?

The levy would:

- ▶ Support maintenance of current response times and number of responders on emergency calls. (Emergency calls have increased 63% since the current levy rate was first approved by voters in 2005.)
- ▶ Fund the Student Intern Program, thus ensuring 24/7 coverage.
- ▶ Ensure that community programs, including fire prevention, life safety education, CPR classes, and smoke detector installation, continue at current levels.

What if the levy is not approved?

If the replacement levy fails, the number of responders on each emergency call would decline, average response times would increase, and the main station would no longer have 24/7 staffing. Community education and prevention programs would be reduced.

What is the cost to property taxpayers?

The levy would fund services at a fixed rate of \$0.97 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The \$0.97 rate is an increase of \$0.35 over the current tax rate of \$0.62, which was originally approved by voters in 2005 and reapproved in 2010 and 2015.

The cost of the local option replacement levy for property assessed at \$200,000, about average for residential property in the District, would be about \$194 a year, or about \$16 per month.

Need more information?

Visit the District's website at www.banksfire.org.

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