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SPRINGFIELD BALLOT MEASURE 20-311 VOTER INFORMATION



Proposed Five-Year Special Operating Levy for Springfield Fire & Life Safety Services

Ballot Measure 20-311 proposes a five-year levy of \$0.38 per \$1,000 assessed value, which would begin on July 1, 2021 for fire and life safety services in Springfield. This proposed levy would replace the current levy, which is set to expire on June 30, 2021. If the proposed measure passes, this levy would help maintain staffing and equipment of one of Springfield's five fire engine crews with firefighter-paramedics for a five-year period beginning July 1, 2021.

Election Dates:

October 15, 2020 - Ballots Mailed/Official Ballot Drop Sites Open

November 3, 2020 - Election Day



Background

Fire and life safety services in Springfield are currently provided through five fire stations located throughout Springfield to provide incident response. One fire crew is assigned to each fire station. Each fire crew also serves as the first paramedic response unit, dispatched with an ambulance, to all life-threatening emergency medical calls for service.

In Fiscal Year 2020, there were 7,807 medical calls, 135 fire calls, 416 public assistance calls, and 5,682 transports in Springfield.

Springfield voters passed special operating levies for fire and life safety services in 2002, 2006, 2010, and 2015. The current levy of \$0.36 per \$1,000 assessed value expires on June 30, 2021.

Proposed Ballot Measure 20-311

Shall Springfield levy \$0.38 per \$1,000 of assessed value for five years beginning 2021/22 for fire and life safety services? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

Details & Summary of Proposed Measure 20-311

If the proposed measure passes, this levy would maintain Springfield's current model of emergency response for fire protection, rescue, hazardous materials release and mitigation, and emergency medical response by helping fund staffing and equipment to maintain and operate one of the five fire engine crews serving Springfield.

Currently, all five engines are staffed with firefighter-paramedics. Staffing and operations costs include wages and benefits, safety equipment, vehicle and equipment expenses, dispatch, and fire academy training. This proposed levy would help fund approximately eight full-time equivalent firefighter-paramedics in Springfield.

The proposed levy would maintain current incident response times in Springfield for both emergency and non-emergency calls, and would maintain the number of firefighter-paramedics on duty each shift. If the levy does not pass, there would be no continued levy dedicated to funding one of the five fire engine crews that currently serve Springfield. Based on a home with an assessed value of \$164,000, the reduction in property taxes would be approximately \$59 when the current levy sunsets in June 2021.

Proposed Levy Rate

If passed, proposed Ballot Measure 20-311 would cost \$0.38 per \$1,000 assessed value for five years beginning July 1, 2021 for fire and life safety services in Springfield.

The proposed levy would be based upon assessed value, not market value. If the measure passes, in the first year a Springfield homeowner with an assessed value of \$164,000 would pay \$62.32 under this proposed levy. Total estimated payments for a homeowner over the five-year life of this levy would be \$330. This would be an increase of \$0.02 per \$1,000 assessed value over the current levy. The proposed levy rate is expected to provide the same level of service as the current levy rate, considering the effects of inflation for materials, services, and staffing costs.

If the proposed measure passes, it would raise about \$1,926,331 in 2021-22, \$1,964,857 in 2022-23, \$2,004,154 in 2023-24, \$2,044,238 in 2024-25, and \$2,085,122 in 2025-26 for a total of about \$10,024,702.

Funding would be used for fire and life safety services in Springfield. If passed, this levy would replace the current levy, which expires on June 30, 2021.

Election Information

Ballots are due by 8 pm, Election Day, November 3. For more information about Elections, visit www.lanecounty.org/elections

**IF PASSED, THE
PROPOSED 5-YEAR
LEVY WOULD:**

**FUND FIRE & LIFE
SAFETY SERVICES IN
SPRINGFIELD**

**HELP FUND A
FIRE CREW WITH
FIREFIGHTER/
PARAMEDICS &
EQUIPMENT**

**MAINTAIN INCIDENT
RESPONSE TIMES**

**MAINTAIN
CURRENT FIRE
PROTECTION,
RESCUE, & MEDICAL
SERVICES**