

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO: 23-06-27-12

In the Matter of Setting an Election on the Formation of the Pleasant Hill Goshen Rural Fire Protection District for November 7, 2023.

WHEREAS, a petition initiating the formation of the Pleasant Hill Goshen Rural Fire Protection District was filed with Lane County on April 17, 2023, in accordance with ORS 198.750; and

WHEREAS, On April 21, 2023, the County Assessor certified that the requisite number of land owners have signed the petition, in accordance with ORS 198.765(2); and

WHEREAS, the name of the proposed special district shall be the Pleasant Hill Goshen Rural Fire Protection District and the description of the boundaries shall be as set out in the attached Exhibit "A" which is incorporated herein by this reference; and

WHEREAS, the proposed district formation includes a proposed permanent operating tax rate requiring an election be held, in accordance with ORS 198.810(4); and

WHEREAS, legal notice was provided on June 12, 2023 and June 22, 2023, for a June 27, 2023, public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners conducted a public hearing on June 27, 2023, to receive and consider both oral and written testimony, and to consider setting an election on the formation of the district.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Lane County **ORDERS** as follows:

1. Pursuant to ORS 198.810, the Board of Commissioners orders that the question of formation due to the presence of a proposed permanent operating tax be placed before the voters.
2. An election will be held on the formation of the Pleasant Hill Goshen Rural Fire Protection District on November 7, 2023 using the ballot language attached as Exhibit "A" which is incorporated herein by this reference. Proper notice of the election shall occur pursuant to Oregon state law.

ADOPTED this 27th day of June, 2023.



Pat Farr, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners

Draft Ballot Language

Caption (10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure)

Pleasant Hill Goshen Fire Protection District Formation with permanent tax

Question (20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of this measure)

Shall Pleasant Hill Goshen Rural Fire Protection District form with a permanent tax rate of \$2.20/\$1,000 assessed value beginning FY 2024/2025?

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

The Pleasant Hill Rural Fire Protection District formed in 1969 and the Goshen Rural Fire Protection formed in 1962. These adjacent districts provide fire protection and emergency medical services to residents within established district boundaries. These districts consolidated operations under the entity of Pleasant Hill Goshen Fire & Rescue, but it is not permanent or tax funded. The proposed district follows existing Goshen and Pleasant Hill Fire Districts and encompasses the unprotected area at the perimeter between Goshen and the City of Eugene. The election shall include both districts and the unprotected area specified.

Formation of the Pleasant Hill Goshen Rural Fire Protection District with a permanent tax rate of \$2.20 per \$1,000 of assessed value will allow for the new district to directly address the operational challenges that impact resident safety it has identified. If approved, the dissolution of the two separate fire districts can proceed. The formation of the proposed fire district cannot occur without approval of those dissolutions on the ballot. At this election, the proposed district's board shall be voted on.