

Amity Fire District

Measure No: 36-238

Caption: Renew Five Year Local Option Tax for Operations and Capital

Question: Shall the district renew levy \$0.45 per \$1000 each year for five years beginning 2026 for operations and capital projects? This measure renews current local option taxes.

Summary: This measure is not a new tax but a renewal of the current property tax supporting the Amity Fire District. It authorizes the Fire Board to continue levying up to \$0.45 per \$1000 of assessed value for five years beginning in 2026. The renewed levy would raise approximately \$196,864 per year, funding essential operations and upgrades.

Funds would be used to:

- *Update EMS gear (such as AEDs and trauma kits)
- *Support volunteer recruitment, training, and retention
- *Fund full-time and part-time firefighters in Amity
- *Upgrade technology for training and compliance
- *Replace or repair wildland vehicles and equipment

For a home assessed at \$200,000, the estimated cost would be \$90 per year, or about \$7.50 per month. This renewal will allow the Amity Fire District to maintain and improve service without increasing the tax rate. 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 the estimate and may vary depending on early payment discounts, tax compression, and actual collection rates.

Continued funding ensures the district can meet the needs of the community it serves.

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Southwestern Polk Rural Fire

Measure No: 27-147

Caption: RENEW LOCAL OPTION LEVY FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Question: Should SW Polk Fire District issue a five-year local option levy renewal for fire and emergency medical services, beginning FY2026-2027? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

Summary: SW Polk Fire District (SWP) is seeking a levy to support the annual cost of fire and emergency medical services. The local option levy would be at a rate not to exceed \$1.37 cents per \$1,000 of District taxable assessed value for five years, beginning FY2026-27. For a property assessed at \$200,000, the levy cost would be approximately \$274 per year, or about \$22.83 per month. SWP currently has twelve (12) career staff and 10 volunteer members with a trend of increasing call volume (doubled in the past four years) and decreasing volunteer response.

If the levy does not pass, funding that supports current staff will fall short, thus, staffing will be decreased by six career staff. SWP firefighters and paramedics respond to emergency incidents like fires, heart attacks, car crashes, rescue operations and ambulance transport.

If the levy passes, levy funds will maintain current Firefighter-EMT/Paramedic staffing levels with the goal of maintaining adequate response times, continued advanced life support services and manage our increasing calls for service.

An estimate of the total amount to be raised for each year of the proposed levy is:

FY 2026-27: \$1,185,248

FY 2027-28: \$1,220,805

FY 2028-29: \$1,257,430

FY 2029-30: \$1,295,152

FY 2030-31: \$1,334,007

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.

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