

36-190

# Notice of Measure Election

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City

Notice		
Date of Notice 8/30/17	Name of City or Cities City of Newberg	Date of Election 11/7/17

**Final Ballot Title** The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the city'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.  
Annexation of Newberg to Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue District

**Question** 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.  
Shall Newberg annex into Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue District to receive fire, emergency medical and ambulance services?

**Summary** 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.  
In 2016, Newberg signed a two-year contract with Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue District (TVFR) to provide fire, advanced emergency medical and ambulance services. TVFR hired Newberg's firefighters and paramedics. TVFR added 12 firefighters/paramedics to provide 24/7 coverage. It added a ladder truck and two ambulances. The contract required the City Council to determine the feasibility and cost-benefit of annexing to TVFR. In June, 2017 the Council approved annexation, subject to voter approval. TVFR has a permanent property tax rate of \$1.5252 per \$1000 assessed value, a temporary levy of \$0.45 expiring in 2020 and currently levies \$0.1220 in bonded indebtedness. A dwelling assessed at the \$229,698 average for Newberg would pay about \$482 in TVFR taxes. It is estimated it would cost the City about \$6,863,510 to provide these services for fiscal year 2018/2019, not including start-up costs. TVFR taxes would total about \$3,862,752. Once annexed, city voters become eligible to vote for TVFR directors and on any TVFR property tax proposals.


**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 city governing body; or  
→ any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.

**Explanatory Statement Attached?**  Yes  No

**Authorized City Official** Not required to be notarized.

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*By signing this document:*  
→ I hereby state that I am authorized by the city 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

8/30/17  
Date Signed

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### Measure Explanatory Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet

**Important! Please read all instructions before completing this form.** This form is to be used 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 November 7, 2017 Measure # 36 - 190

Ballot Title Caption  
Annexation of Newberg to Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue District

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

Joe Hannan


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

City of Newberg

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

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#### SIGNATURE

 \_\_\_\_\_ 8/31/17  
Signature of person responsible for content of 'Explanatory Statement' Date

#### MEASURE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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

**For Office Use only:**

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Word Count (500 max): \_\_\_\_\_

Signed?  Yes  No Digital copy?  Yes  No

'Measure Explanatory Statement' attached?  Yes  No Review Staff Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Intake Staff Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

## Explanatory Statement

### (Annexation)

Approval of this Measure would annex the City of Newberg into the Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue District (TVF&R).

The City and TVF&R conducted public outreach and evaluated how to provide fire, advanced emergency medical response and ambulance services. Calls for these services have increased approximately 40% in the last 10 years but the City has not increased staffing since 2006. It is increasingly difficult to recruit volunteers, resulting in staffing issues. The City's equipment is aging but funds for replacement or upgrades have been limited.

In 2016, the City entered into a 2-year contract with TVF&R to provide fire, advanced emergency medical and ambulance services. TVF&R hired City fire department personnel and added staff and equipment. TVF&R:

- Provides 6 career firefighters/advanced EMT's on a 24/7 basis at each fire station. Previously these stations were staffed with 4 city firefighters and volunteers.
- Added 1 newer ladder fire truck and 2 new ambulances.
- Maintains a volunteer program, involvement in community programs and events and training, including the Toy and Joy program and community CPR classes.

Previously, the City spent about \$3.4M in tax dollars per fiscal year for fire and emergency medical services. It is estimated that it would cost the City about \$6.8M in tax dollars to provide these services at the enhanced level now provided by TVF&R, not including start-up costs.

Beginning in 1991 the City collected a fire truck/equipment fee, added to the utility bill. When the City entered into the contract with TVF&R that fee was suspended. It will be eliminated if annexation occurs.

If annexation occurs, TVF&R taxes initially would total about \$3,862,752. The TVF&R permanent property tax rate of \$1.5252 per \$1000 of assessed valuation, a temporary levy of \$0.45 (expiring in 2020) and a bond levy of \$0.1220 would apply in the City. A dwelling assessed at the \$229,698 average for Newberg would pay about \$482 in TVF&R taxes. (Assessed value typically is lower than market value.) City voters would become entitled to vote for TVF&R directors and on TVF&R tax proposals.

To offset TVF&R taxes, the City Council is considering reducing the City property tax rate levy in future years. If voters approve the City Charter amendment referred by Council, Council would be required to lower city tax rates by an amount approximately equal to the amount the City previously spent on these services.

No decision has been made on how to provide these services if voters reject annexation. Options include:

- Return to providing the prior level of services using current City revenues.
- Use City funds to upgrade services. This probably would require reductions in other services or asking City voters to approve additional property taxes.
- Seek a contract extension with TVF&R. This might include asking City voters to approve additional property taxes to pay some or a portion of the services. TVF&R could, however, decline to renew or could terminate the contract at some future point.

A “yes” vote approves annexation. A “no” vote rejects annexation.

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