

How to cast your vote...

1 Complete your ballot

To vote, completely fill in the box next to your choice.



You do not have to vote on all contests. Those you do vote on will still count.

2 Check for errors

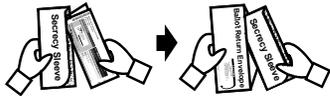
If you vote for more options than are allowed, your vote **will not count** for that contest.

If you think you made a mistake, call the Yamhill County Elections Office.

If you would like to change your choice on a contest, draw a solid line through your original choice, then make your next selection.

3 Using the optional "secrecy" sleeve

If you use the optional "secrecy" sleeve, put only your voted ballot inside. Then, put only your secrecy sleeve inside your purple-trimmed return envelope.



You are not required to use the "secrecy" sleeve.

(If we receive an envelope with more than one ballot inside, all enclosed ballots are rejected and not counted.)

4 Sign your return envelope

You must sign your purple-trimmed return envelope or **your vote will not count.**

We verify every signature on every envelope against the voter files.



5 Return your ballot:

- By mail
- At any official ballot drop site (see list on this flyer)
- At the Clerk's/Elections Office

NOTICE

You may deliver your voted ballot to the following official Yamhill County ballot drop sites, postage-free 24 hours a day — 7 days a week. Drop sites close at 8:00 p.m. Election Day November 2, 2021

Carlton Carlton City Hall 191 E Main Street	Dayton Dayton City Hall 416 Ferry Street
Dundee Dundee City Hall 620 SW 5th Street	Lafayette Lafayette City Hall 486 3rd Street (99W)
McMinnville Chemeketa - Mac Campus 288 NE Norton Lane	McMinnville McMinnville Library 225 NW Adams Street
McMinnville County Clerk's Office (outside front door and inside lobby) 414 NE Evans Street	McMinnville Courthouse (inside lobby) 535 NE 5th Street

McMinnville

Courthouse Drive-Through Drop Box
East end of Courthouse Parking Lot
Enter on 5th and Ford Streets

Newberg Jaquith Park - West 1215 N Main Street	Newberg Public Safety Parking Lot 414 E 3rd Street
Newberg PCC - Newberg Center Parking Lot 135 Werth Boulevard	Yamhill Yamhill City Hall 205 S Maple Street

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue District

County of Yamhill

VOTERS' PAMPHLET



November 2, 2021 Special Election

IMPORTANT NOTE:

IF YOU HAVE **MOVED** OR **YOUR NAME HAS CHANGED** AND YOU HAVE NOT YET RE-REGISTERED, YOU MAY STILL BE ABLE TO DO SO. CONTACT THE **YAMHILL COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE** 503-434-7518 or 503-554-7850

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**Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue
District**

**Referred by Tualatin Valley Fire &
Rescue - Measure 34-308**

**Authorizes General Obligation Bonds For Emergency Service
Investments**

Question: Shall TVF&R issue general obligation bonds to fund fire station improvements, replacement vehicles, training center upgrades, and land?

If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Summary: This measure authorizes Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R) to issue up to \$122 million in bonds to finance capital costs, including:

- Replacement of response vehicles reaching the end of their useable life.
- Fire station improvements.
- Rebuilding the King City fire station.
- Relocating the Aloha fire station.
- Safety upgrades for TVF&R's training center where responders are trained in fire suppression, emergency medical care, technical rescue, hazardous material response, and other emergency skills.
- Land for future construction of fire stations in growth areas.
- Site improvements, equipment, and bond issuance costs.

Bonds would mature over not more than 15 years and may be issued in series. Due to declining debt service on existing bonds, the measure will not increase TVF&R's bond tax rate above the current rate of \$0.1415 per \$1,000 AV unless assessed property values decline. For property assessed at \$300,000, about the average in TVF&R's service area, the bond cost is estimated to be \$42.45 per year or \$3.54 per month. Actual rates may vary based on interest rates and changes in assessed value.

**NO ARGUMENTS WERE
FILED IN OPPOSITION TO
THIS MEASURE
IN YAMHILL COUNTY**

**Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue
District**

**Explanatory Statement
Measure 34-308**

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R) provides fire suppression, emergency medical care, technical rescue, water rescue, hazardous material response, and fire prevention services to the cities of Beaverton, Durham, King City, Newberg, North Plains, Rivergrove, Sherwood, Tigard, Tualatin, West Linn and Wilsonville, as well as unincorporated portions of Washington, Clackamas, Yamhill and Multnomah counties.

What does this measure call for?

Voters are being asked whether TVF&R should issue \$122 million in general obligation bonds to:

- **Replace response vehicles** as they reach the end of their useable life, including fire engines, trucks, and medical vehicles used throughout the District.
- **Fund fire station improvements** including seismic upgrades, security features, expansions, or living quarter modifications at 10 of 29 stations to ensure firefighters and paramedics remain prepared to respond to fires, medical emergencies, rescues, and disasters.
- **Rebuild the King City fire station** at the existing location. *(A new station is more cost effective than retrofitting the existing structure.)*
- **Relocate the Aloha station** to a more central location to improve local and regional response.
- **Fund safety upgrades** for TVF&R's training center where responders practice fire suppression, emergency medical care, technical rescue, hazardous material response, and other emergency skills.
- **Purchase land for future fire stations** in areas where growth is expected to occur.

Will property tax rates increase if this measure is approved?

Because the tax rate on existing bonds is scheduled to decline, TVF&R's total tax rate is not expected to increase.

How much will the bonds cost?

The total principal amount of bonds authorized by this measure cannot exceed \$122 million. For property assessed at \$300,000, about the average in TVF&R's service area, the estimated cost of the bonds would continue to be about \$42.45 per year or \$3.54 per month. Actual costs may vary. Assessed value is currently between 36-38% lower than market value.

When would bonds be issued?

TVF&R expects to issue bonds in multiple series to fund identified projects. Bonds would be repaid over a maximum of 15 years from their issue date.

What is the current total tax rate for TVF&R?

The total tax rate for TVF&R is \$2.1167 per \$1000 assessed valuation, which includes:

\$1.5252	Permanent Rate
\$0.45	Local Option Levy
\$0.1415	General Obligation Bond

**Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue
District**

**Measure 34-308
Argument in Support**

Tualatin Valley Firefighters support Measure 34-308 because it allows for investments in things that we need to provide professional and reliable service to our community.

It is an honor to serve the people living in our service area, and we are grateful for the support you have shown us in the past.

If Measure 34-308 passes, it would provide four significant benefits.

- It provides funding to replace fire engines, ladder trucks, and other vehicles that have reached the end of their useable life.
- It will allow us to make improvements at ten of our fire stations and rebuild two stations.
- It would pay for safety upgrades to our training facility. It is vital that our firefighters and paramedics constantly train so we have the skills needed when real emergencies occur.
- Lastly, we will be able to acquire land for future fire stations in places where we know there will be development.

For these reasons, Tualatin Valley Firefighters urge a YES vote on Measure 34-308.

In service,

Rocky Hanes, President
Tualatin Valley Firefighters
IAFF Local 1660

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TVF&R BOARD SUPPORTS BOND MEASURE

We have been elected by you to provide oversight of Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue.

We have referred a bond measure to the ballot for these reasons:

1. This is **not a new tax**. If approved, new bonds issued will replace debt that is being paid off from old bonds. This means TVF&R's total tax rate will not increase.
2. We know through decades of research that your **top priority for TVF&R** is to provide fast and effective emergency response. By issuing bonds, we will be able to purchase response vehicles, fund fire station improvements, rebuild fire stations, and acquire land for the future so that we can properly serve our community.
3. We feel that **TVF&R has a solid track record of keeping promises**. The last time we issued bonds was in 2006. Since then, TVF&R has fulfilled the commitments made to you, our investors.

*Information furnished by Randy Lauer,
TVF&R Board of Directors*

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District**

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Community Leaders Support TVF&R Bond Measure

Most of us have worked years -*even decades*- on issues that affect the livability and prosperity of our communities. We have high expectations of our public agencies. We want our constituents to feel confident in the service they'll receive if they must call 911.

Measure 34-308 will allow Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue to issue bonds to pay for fire engines, trucks, fire station improvements, and land for future fire stations. This is vital for a strong public safety system that serves our residents and businesses.

We hope you join us in voting yes on Measure 34-308.

Kate Lieber, State Senate District 14
Wlinsvey Campos, District 28 Representative
Maxine Dexter, District 33 Representative
Dacia Grayber, District 35 Representative
Lisa Reynolds, District 36 Representative
Rachel Prusak, District 37 Representative
Kathryn Harrington, Chair, Washington County Board of Commissions
Pam Treece, Washington County Commissioner
Paul Savas, Clackamas County Commissioner
Sonya Fischer, Clackamas County Commissioner
Marc San Soucie, Beaverton City Councilor
Mark Fagin, Beaverton City Councilor
Allison Tivnon, Beaverton City Councilor
Jason Snider, Mayor of Tigard
Heidi Lueb, Tigard City Councilor
John Goodhouse, Tigard City Councilor
Liz Newton, Tigard City Councilor
Robert "Butch" Kindel, North Plains City Councilor

Information furnished by Maxine Dexter

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Your Investments in TVF&R are Used Wisely

We are citizen volunteers who participate in TVF&R's annual budget process. We are acutely aware that our input can impact your property tax bill, and we understand that you want the cost of service to be as value-driven as possible.

We also understand that when something bad happens to you or your family, you want TVF&R's firefighters and paramedics to respond quickly.

As Budget Committee members, our job is to balance these competing interests. We must also keep a keen eye on the fire district's accounting and budget priorities.

We feel TVF&R uses your tax dollars wisely. We also feel they have the proper financial controls in place and adhere to the strictest fiscal practices, including rigorous annual audits. TVF&R has a Aaa bond rating which is the highest credit rating possible. Because of their size, they're also able to achieve cost savings through economies of scale and reduced administrative overhead.

Our opinion of Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue's financial practices is shared by the Government Financial Officers Association who has awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to TVF&R every year for the past three decades. We feel that TVF&R will use bond monies wisely to invest in stations, equipment, and land for stable emergency services now and in the future.

TVF&R Budget Committee

Angie Fong
Paul Leavy
Michael Mudrow
Michael Smith

*Information furnished by Angie Fong
TVF&R Budget Committee*

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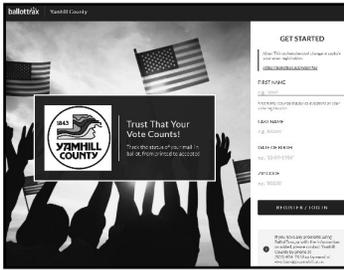
Track your ballot with ballottrax

Provides Ballot Alerts!

Would you like to receive a text or e-mail message when your ballot has been received by our office?

The Yamhill County Clerk, in partnership with i3Logix, is offering a program to Yamhill County voters that provides notifications regarding their ballot.

Participating voters will receive alerts at different points on their ballot's journey. Text, e-mail or voice alerts will tell voters when the Yamhill County Elections Office has mailed their ballot and when a completed ballot has been received at the Elections Office.



Alerts will indicate that your ballot has been accepted, whether it has a non-matching signature or another defect that requires further action by you, the voter.

There is no charge to Yamhill County voters to sign up for this service*. Voters will have the option of receiving text, e-mail or voice alerts. Sign up today to begin receiving messages.

<https://yamhillcounty.i3ballot.net/voter/>
(link is external)

The Yamhill County ballot tracking pilot program is in partnership with i3Logix using their patent-pending solution called "BallotTrax".

Additional information on elections in Yamhill County is available at:

<https://www.co.yamhill.or.us/content/current-year-elections>

If you have any questions about this service, please call Yamhill County Elections at (503) 434-7518 or e-mail us at elections@co.yamhill.or.us.

* Text message charges may apply if you select the text message option. Consult your phone carrier.

Frequently Asked Questions

What if I forgot to put my ballot in the secrecy sleeve and I have already sealed my white/purple envelope?

The secrecy sleeve is not required for your ballot to be counted. However, if you wish to use it, you may carefully open the envelope and tape it closed again or simply come to our office for a replacement envelope.

What if I did not receive a ballot?

Call the Yamhill County Elections Office at (503) 434-7518 or (503) 554-7850 from Newberg. You may need to update your voter registration.

I went to the DMV and got (or updated) my drivers' license but didn't receive a ballot. Why? What do I do?

There are many reasons why the new "Oregon Motor Voter" process may not have been completed. Please call our office immediately for assistance.

What if I have moved and changed my residence or mailing address?

You may update your voter registration in our office or at the website www.oregonvotes.gov. You will be issued the correct ballot for your new address.

Is postage required if I place my ballot in an official ballot drop site?

No.

Similarly, if you mail back your ballot, you are no longer required to add a stamp.

(The Post Office charges the State of Oregon for the cost.)

If I choose not to vote in a contest, will the rest of my ballot count?

Yes.

Is it too late to update my voter registration?

No. You have up until Election Day, November 2nd to update your voter registration and receive a ballot if you are currently registered in Oregon.

When is the last day to mail my ballot and have it received by the Yamhill County Clerk's Office?

The United States Postal Service recommends mailing 1 week before the Election (October 26th, 2021) for your ballot to reach us on time. **Postmarks do not count!**

When will results be available?

The first results should be available just after 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 2nd. For election results you may visit our website at:

<https://www.co.yamhill.or.us/elections>

(Be sure to "refresh" your browser each time you look for new results.)

VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

To be eligible to vote in the November 2, 2021 election, a completed voter registration card must be on file with the Yamhill County Clerk by no later than 5:00 p.m., October 12, 2021.

YOU MAY REGISTER TO VOTE IF:

- You are a citizen of the United States
- You are at least 16 years of age (*you may vote if you will be 18 years of age or older on election day*)
- You are a resident of Oregon

YOU MUST RE-REGISTER TO VOTE IF:

- Your residence or mailing address changes
- Your name changes
- You wish to change party affiliation

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

When you receive your ballot packet in the mail, immediately examine it to make certain it is complete. It should contain the following items:

- A printed ballot on which you may vote
- A secrecy sleeve with voting instructions printed on it
- A pre-addressed purple-trimmed return envelope in which to return your ballot
- A Voters' Pamphlet flyer

If any items are missing, contact the Yamhill County Clerk's Office at (503) 434-7518 or (503) 554-7850 from Newberg, and a replacement ballot packet will be sent to you.

VOTING & CORRECTING YOUR BALLOT

If you make an error on your ballot, spoil it in any way, or lose it, you may obtain a replacement ballot by contacting the Yamhill County Clerk's Office at 503-434-7518 or 503-554-7850.

RETURNING YOUR VOTED BALLOT

- Follow the instructions on the secrecy sleeve
- Fold your ballot along the pre-scored fold and insert it into the optional secrecy sleeve (if desired)
- Insert ballot (or ballot and secrecy sleeve) into the purple-trimmed return envelope
- **SEAL** the purple-trimmed return envelope and **SIGN** the statement on the back of the envelope
- Mail or place the return envelope in an official ballot drop box

Your ballot will not be counted if your envelope is not signed

IMPORTANT NOTE:

If you have moved or your name has changed and you have not yet re-registered, you may still be able to do so.

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YAMHILL COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE
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