

Notice of Measure Election District

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Notice

Date of Notice 3/4/26	Name of District Sandy Fire District	Name of County or Counties Clackamas	Date of Election 5/19/26
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Final Ballot Title The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to district voters. The ballot title notice was published and the ballot title challenge process is complete.

Caption 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure.

Annexes Sandy Fire District into Clackamas Fire District

Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.

Shall Sandy Fire District dissolve and be annexed into Clackamas Fire District for fire protection and

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

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Clackamas Fire began providing services to Sandy in 2021, resulting in expanded staffing and equipment at the Sandy and Eagle Creek stations. Annexation maintains firefighters at these stations and establishes permanent, district-level fire and EMS services for residents, replacing a temporary contract. It expands rescue coverage from 12 to 24 hours/day and gives residents the right to vote on the District's Board of Directors and funding measures, such as bonds or levies.

Clackamas Fire serves more than 265,000 residents in communities including Boring, Eagle Creek, and Damascus—all of which voted to permanently join the district.

If approved, property owners will no longer pay Sandy Fire's permanent tax rate of \$2.1775 per \$1,000 of assessed value and will instead pay Clackamas Fire's rate of \$2.4012. For a median assessed property at \$262,390, the difference is estimated at \$4.90 per month.

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 written and attached to this form for:

- any measure referred by the district elections authority; or
- any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.

Explanatory Statement Attached? Yes No

Authorized District Official Not required to be notarized.

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By signing this document:

- I hereby state that I am authorized by the district elections authority 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 Redacted

Signature

3-4-26

Date Signed

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Sandy Annexation Measure *(Revised 2.18.26)*
Title, Question, Summary and Explanatory Statement

Ballot Title (10-word limit)

Annexes Sandy Fire District into Clackamas Fire District

Ballot Question (20-word limit)

Shall Sandy Fire District dissolve and be annexed into Clackamas Fire District for fire protection and emergency medical services?

Ballot Summary (175-word limit)

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Explanatory Statement (500-word limit)

Since 2021, Clackamas Fire has been providing emergency fire and medical services to Sandy under a service contract. Thanks to this partnership, residents have received improved emergency services, with Clackamas Fire staffing a three-person engine company 24/7 and a new two-person rescue unit for 12 hours a day, seven days a week at Sandy's main station.

The Sandy Fire District is referring this measure to voters to consider formal annexation into Clackamas Fire District. Annexation would ensure long-term emergency response stability, expand local representation by allowing Sandy voters to elect district board members, and provide access to the same service levels enjoyed by other communities in the district, including

Boring, Happy Valley, Damascus, and Oregon City. Clackamas Fire District has an Insurance Services Office (ISO) Class 2 rating, which is higher than Sandy's. Annexation into Clackamas Fire may help some property owners secure more affordable insurance coverage.

If approved, property owners would pay taxes directly to Clackamas Fire for fire and EMS services. Property owners would pay the district's permanent tax rate of \$2.4012 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The cost difference between the Clackamas Fire rate and what residents currently pay for emergency services is about \$0.22 per \$1,000 of assessed value, or approximately \$4.90 per month for the median home assessed at \$262,390. Half of homeowners will pay less than this amount.

In 2023, Clackamas Fire voters approved an enhanced funding levy, at a rate of \$0.52/1000, for emergency response. If annexation is approved, Sandy-area residents would not pay this levy and would have the opportunity to vote on any future funding measures, such as a levy renewal.

Annexation provides a more predictable funding structure instead of a temporary contract. It will make permanent the improvements Clackamas Fire has made. A "yes" vote will maintain existing firefighters in the Sandy community on a permanent basis, expand coverage on the new rescue from 12 to 24 hours per day and increase staffing at Sandy's main fire station. It will also keep both the Sandy and Firwood Stations open, protect enhanced staffing at nearby Eagle Creek, and preserve and strengthen the volunteer and Explorer programs.

A "yes" vote supports annexation into Clackamas Fire District, effective July 1, 2026.

A "no" vote would maintain the temporary contract with Clackamas Fire District, which is not sustainable beyond 2030. Should Sandy residents decide not to join Clackamas Fire, options are limited. Clackamas Fire would likely require an updated contract to cover the true cost of enhanced service level standards, including wildfire prevention, emergency response and deployment of light vehicles. This would likely mean additional taxes or cuts to fire and emergency medical services for Sandy residents, one reason both elected district boards support annexation.