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# Notice of Measure Election

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City

<b>Notice</b>		
<b>Date of Notice</b> 07-28-2025	<b>Name of City or Cities</b> City of Gladstone, Oregon	<b>Date of Election</b> November 4, 2025
<b>Final Ballot Title</b> 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.		
<b>Caption</b> 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure.		
Annexes Gladstone into Clackamas Fire District for Emergency Services		
<b>Question</b> 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.		
Shall Gladstone be annexed into Clackamas Fire District for fire protection and emergency medical services?		
<b>Summary</b> 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.		
<p>If approved, this measure would annex the City into Clackamas Fire District, which currently provides fire and emergency medical services to Gladstone under a temporary contract that expires in June 2027.</p> <p>Annexation would replace the temporary contract and provide permanent, district-level fire and EMS services to Gladstone. If approved, Gladstone residents could vote in District elections, serve on the District's board, and help shape District service level and funding decisions.</p> <p>If annexed, Gladstone property owners will pay only the District's permanent tax rate of \$2.4012 per \$1,000 of assessed value and not any District indebtedness that is outstanding at the time of annexation.</p> <p>For the median assessed property in Gladstone, the cost of annexation is about \$7.30 per month more than the City currently pays for fire and EMS services, as the City will offset District taxes paid by property owners by reducing City tax collections in the amount currently appropriated to fire and EMS for an initial three year period.</p> <p>If approved, annexation would be effective on July 1, 2026.</p>		
<b>Explanatory Statement</b> 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect.		
<p>If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be drafted and attached to this form for:</p> <p>→ any measure referred by the city governing body; or</p> <p>→ any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.</p> <p><b>Explanatory Statement Attached?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>		
<b>Authorized City Official</b> Not required to be notarized.		
<b>Name</b> Tami Bannick	<b>Title</b> City Recorder	
<b>Mailing Address</b> 18505 Portland Avenue, Gladstone, OR 97027	<b>Contact Phone</b> 503-557-2769	
<p><i>By signing this document:</i></p> <p>→ I hereby state that I am authorized by the city to submit this Notice of Measure Election; and</p> <p>→ I certify that notice of receipt of ballot title has been published and the ballot title challenge process for this measure completed.</p>		

Signature

Date Signed  
07-28-2025

## **City of Gladstone Annexes Gladstone into Clackamas Fire District for Emergency Services Explanatory Statement:**

Clackamas Fire District has provided fire and emergency medical services to the City of Gladstone since June 2022 under a temporary service contract, which expires in June 2027. Before the contract, Gladstone operated its own small fire department, which struggled to maintain full staffing and sufficient service levels.

In spring 2025, the City and District hosted a joint public meeting, community open houses, a survey, and a webinar. Based on community feedback, the City Council determined there is strong public interest in securing long-term, stable fire and EMS services. Accordingly, the Council referred this measure to the voters to propose annexation into the District. Annexation would replace the temporary contract for services, which is not guaranteed to be renewed when it expires.

Annexation would ensure long-term emergency response stability, expand local representation by allowing Gladstone voters to elect and serve as district board members, and provide access to the same service levels enjoyed by other nearby communities in the District, including Oregon City, Happy Valley, Oak Lodge and Milwaukie.

The Council also proposed annexation because the District has an Insurance Services Office Class 2 rating, which is higher than Gladstone's Class 4 rating. Improving the City's rating may reduce property owners' insurance costs.

If approved, property owners would pay taxes directly to Clackamas Fire for fire and EMS services. Property owners would pay only the District's permanent tax rate of \$2.4012 per \$1,000 of assessed value and not any District indebtedness that is outstanding at the time of annexation. If annexation is approved, Gladstone residents will have the opportunity to vote on future District funding measures before being subject to them.

The cost difference between the Clackamas Fire permanent rate and what the City currently pays for emergency services is estimated to be \$0.34 per \$1,000 of assessed value, or about \$7.30 per month for the median assessed home in Gladstone, as the City will offset District taxes paid by property owners by reducing City tax collections in the amount currently appropriated to fire and EMS for an initial three year period

Annexation would provide a predictable funding structure, maintain professional firefighter staffing, and enhance regional coordination. Clackamas Fire would continue to operate out of the Gladstone Fire Station, which is among the busiest in Clackamas County, responding to more than 2,925 calls in 2024. Annexation ensures this station remains staffed 24/7 by at least three professional firefighters.

A "yes" vote supports annexation into Clackamas Fire District, which if approved would take effect on July 1, 2026.

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A “no” vote would reject annexation. The City would receive fire and emergency services from the District through June 2027 but would need to determine how to provide such services after that date. This could include negotiating a new contract with Clackamas Fire or some other unknown and unfunded option. A new contract with Clackamas Fire is expected to cost at least as much as annexation, which could require higher city taxes or reductions to other services and capital projects.