

Request for Ballot Title

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Filing Information

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Referral Information

Title, Number or other Identifier Annexes Sandy Fire District into Clackamas Fire District
This Filing is For

<input type="checkbox"/> Drafting of Ballot Title Attach referral text.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Publication of Notice Ballot title below.
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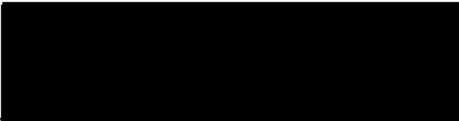
Ballot Title Additional requirements may apply

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 emergency medical services?
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Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect. (attached)

By signing this document: → I hereby state that I am authorized by the county or city governing body, or district elections authority to submit this Request for Ballot Title – Preparation or Publication of Notice.

 Signature	8-14-25 Date Signed
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Sandy Annexation Measure
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)

This measure dissolves and annexes Sandy Fire District into Clackamas Fire District, which currently provides fire and emergency medical services to Sandy-area residents under a contract expiring in June 2030.

Annexation will ensure permanent, district-level fire and EMS services for residents, replacing the temporary contract. It will give residents the ability to vote in fire district elections, serve on the district's board of directors, and help shape decisions about service levels and funding measures, such as bonds or levies.

Clackamas Fire serves more than 265,000 residents in communities including Boring, Eagle Creek, Damascus, and Oregon City—all of which voted to permanently join the district within the past 20 years.

If approved, property owners will pay the district's permanent tax rate of \$2.4012 per \$1,000 of assessed value. For the median assessed property in Sandy Fire District, the cost impact is estimated to be \$4.68 per month.

Annexation will protect critical investments in staffing and equipment for wildfire response, enhanced rural protection, and emergency medical services.

Explanatory Statement (500-word limit)

Since July 2023, Clackamas Fire has been providing full 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 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 estimated to be \$0.22 per \$1,000 of assessed value, or approximately \$4.68 per month for the median assessed home.

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 would provide a predictable funding structure, maintain professional firefighter staffing, and enhance regional coordination. Clackamas Fire would continue to operate out of the Sandy and Dover Fire Stations. The main station in Sandy has been fully staffed with Clackamas Fire personnel since 2023, and since that time there has been a significant increase in volunteer staffing at the Dover Station. Annexation would support maintaining these enhanced staffing levels over the long-term.

A "yes" vote supports annexation into Clackamas Fire District, effective July 1, 2026. In spring 2025, Sandy and Clackamas Fire Districts hosted a joint public meeting and two community open houses, conducted a survey, and recorded a webinar that is available at www.ClackamasFire.com/clackamas-annexations.

Based on community feedback, the Sandy Fire District determined there is strong public interest in securing long-term, stable fire and EMS services by joining Clackamas Fire.

A "no" vote would maintain the current temporary contract with Clackamas Fire District. 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.