



voters' pamphlet

Oregon Vote-by-Mail Special Election | **November 4, 2025**

Official Ballot Drop Site Locations

All Ballot Drop Sites **Open** 24 hours a day – 7 days a week starting Wednesday, October 15, 2025

All Ballot Drop Sites **Close** at **8:00 pm**, on Election Day, Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Note: The following drop boxes will be available for this election

Find a Drop Site Near You: <https://yamhillcounty.gov/407/ballot-drop-sites>

Amity

Amity City Library
307 S Trade Street

McMinnville

Chemeketa - McMinnville Campus
288 NE Norton Lane

Courthouse (Inside lobby)
535 NE 5th Street
Accessible during normal business hours

Courthouse Drive-Through Drop Box
(East end of Courthouse parking lot,
enter on 5th and Ford Streets)

Yamhill County Clerk's Office
(Ballot box located outside and inside lobby)
414 NE Evans Street

McMinnville Library
225 NW Adams Street

Postmarks can count!

As of January 1, 2022, an Oregon Elections Official can accept and process a ballot that arrives at their office via the USPS if the envelope was postmarked by Election Day.

- Ballot envelopes must be signed
- The envelope must have a Postmark (or USPS indicator) on or before Election Day
- The envelope must arrive by the 7th day after Election Day

Attention

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Translation Information

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本县选民手册的部分内容提供简体中文版本。可以访 oregonvotes.gov/YamhillVP 获取该译本。

Bestimmte Teile dieser Bezirks-Wahlbroschüre sind auf deutsch verfügbar. Diese Übersetzungen finden Sie online unter oregonvotes.gov/YamhillVP

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Các phần được chọn trong tập thông tin cử tri quận này có bản ngôn ngữ tiếng Việt. Bản dịch có thể xem trực tuyến tại oregonvotes.gov/YamhillVP

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Voting Information

REGISTERING TO VOTE

To be eligible to vote in the November 4, 2025 Special Election, a completed voter registration card must be received at the Yamhill County Clerk's Office or postmarked by October 14, 2025. To register to vote in Oregon, you must be:

- A resident of Oregon
- A United States citizen
- At least 18 years of age by Election Day

Update your registration if:

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

You may **register to vote** or **update your registration** at **www.oregonvotes.gov**

VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES

If you need assistance with voting or casting your ballot, call the Yamhill County Elections Office at (503) 434-7518 or (503) 554-7850 (Newberg toll-free) or TTY (800) 735-2900. We will provide staff to assist you in voting. You may authorize a friend, family member, or other trusted person, who is not affiliated with your employer or union, to assist you. (ORS 254.445)

REQUESTING A REPLACEMENT BALLOT

If you make a mistake on your ballot, spoil it in any way, or lose it, please contact the Yamhill County Clerk's Office at (503) 434-7518 or (503) 554-7850 (Newberg toll-free) to request a replacement ballot.

Original ballot packets are prepared 30 days before the election. Any registration changes (address, name, party affiliation) that occur after the original ballot packet is prepared will inactivate the original ballot packet, and a new ballot packet will be issued. The new ballot packet will have the word "reissued" or "replacement" printed on the ballot return envelope between the barcodes above the address. Always vote the most recent ballot packet you receive. All inactivated ballot packets will be rejected.

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

Examine your ballot packet to ensure it contains the following items:

- Printed ballot
- Voters' pamphlet insert
- Postage-paid, purple-trimmed envelope to be signed and returned with your voted ballot

Don't forget to sign the ballot return envelope!

Prepare to return your voted ballot:

- Insert your ballot in the postage-paid ballot return envelope that includes the secrecy weave. Election staff will ensure the secrecy of your ballot.
- Remember to **sign** your ballot return envelope. Read the voter's statement on the return envelope and sign in the signature box. Your ballot will not be counted if the ballot return envelope is not signed. Every signature is verified against the voter's signature on file, and the signature must match for the ballot to be counted. If your signature has changed, please update your voter registration.
- Return your voted ballot by mail (no stamp required) or to any Official Ballot Drop Site no later than 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4, 2025. Ballots that are mailed and postmarked by the United States Postal Service (USPS) by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day must be received by the Clerk's Office within seven days.

Track your ballot:

- To track the status of your ballot you can sign up for ballottrax at: <https://yamhillcounty.ballottrax.net/voter/> or you can access this information through My Vote at: <https://sos.oregon.gov/voting/pages/myvote.aspx?lang=en>

Only Amity Fire District registered voters will receive ballots for this election.

Measure 36-238 Amity Fire District

Ballot Title

36-238

Renew Five Year Local Option Tax for Operations and Capital

QUESTION: Shall the district renew levy \$0.45 per \$1000 each year for five years beginning 2026 for operations and capital projects? This measure renews current local option taxes.

SUMMARY: This measure is not a new tax but a renewal of the current property tax supporting the Amity Fire District. It authorizes the Fire Board to continue levying up to \$0.45 per \$1000 of assessed value for five years beginning in 2026. The renewed levy would raise approximately \$196,864 per year, funding essential operations and upgrades.

Funds would be used to:

- *Update EMS gear (such as AEDs and trauma kits)
- *Support volunteer recruitment, training, and retention
- *Fund full-time and part-time firefighters in Amity
- *Upgrade technology for training and compliance
- *Replace or repair wildland vehicles and equipment

For a home assessed at \$200,000, the estimated cost would be \$90 per year, or about \$7.50 per month. This renewal will allow the Amity Fire District to maintain and improve service without increasing the tax rate. The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of the estimate and may vary depending on early payment discounts, tax compression, and actual collection rates.

Continued funding ensures the district can meet the needs of the community it serves.

Explanatory Statement

The Amity Fire District is asking to **renew its current local option levy at the same rate of \$0.45 per \$1,000 of assessed property value**. This is **not a new tax**, but a continuation of the current support that helps sustain the fire districts emergency operations and essential services.

The districts funding comes from a combination of sources:

- **Permanent base tax rate:** \$0.84 per \$1,000 (Measure 50 in 1997)
- **Bond rate:** \$0.94 per \$1,000 (approved in 2008 for land, facilities, and apparatus)
- **Current local option levy:** \$0.45 per \$1,000 (approved to support critical operational needs)

The **combined tax rate is \$2.23 per \$1,000** of assessed value. This measure **maintains that same total rate**.

Why Renewal is Needed

Since the last levy was approved significant steps have been taken to improve services and strengthen operations, including:

- Hired the first full time Firefighter in Amity
- Hired Part-time Firefighter through state grants and levy dollars
- Acquisition of key firefighting apparatus
- Volunteer retention and support
- Grow our high school program and help support additional training
- Improved medical and firefighting equipment through grants and responsible budgeting

Ongoing and future needs still outpace what can be supported by the permanent tax rate alone. This **levy renewal ensures no disruption in current services** and allows the district to address critical areas of need.

The Levy Will Continue to Support

1. **Firefighter Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):**
Replacement of aging gear to meet current safety standards for volunteers and career staff.
2. **Keep adequate Staffing:**
Levy dollars are essential in keeping our full time Firefighter and part-time personnel at the station during peak hours when our volunteers are unable to respond to emergency calls. Most volunteers work outside the district and without creative staffing we would not be able to respond to all emergency calls.
3. **Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Equipment:**
Most of the District's calls (over 75%) are medical in nature. The levy helps upgrade outdated equipment, such as 20+ year-old AEDs, and maintain response readiness.
4. **Wildland Firefighting Resources:**
Replace and maintain aging brush units (some over 44 years old), expand wildland gear, and support rural wildfire response capacity.
5. **Support for Volunteer Personnel:**
Recruitment, training, and retention programs, including access to professional development and succession planning resources, are essential to keep the volunteer system strong.
6. **Support our Amity and Perrydale High School programs:**
Continue to provide training and opportunities to motivate students into their next phase of life. Our programs helped support students choosing a professional career as a First Responder.
7. **Technology Improvements:**
Update systems for training, reporting, and compliance with state and federal mandates.
8. **Maintenance of Vehicles, Equipment, and Facilities:**
Address backlog in essential testing (e.g., annual hose and ladder testing), maintenance, and replacement cycles to ensure everything is emergency-response ready and safe.

This renewal maintains the current rate and builds upon the investments already made. **The levy is essential to preserve service levels, firefighter safety, and emergency readiness** for the Amity Fire District and the communities it serves.

(This information furnished by Amity Fire District.)

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