## **TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS**

### NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE

*Olathe Fire Protection District* Montrose County, Colorado



Election Date: Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

# Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:

Olathe Fire Protection District 406 S. 5<sup>th</sup> St. Olathe, CO 81425 Telephone: (970) 323-6234 x101

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Christine Gray / Designated Election Official Olathe Fire Protection District PO Box 547 Olathe, CO 81425

### **Ballot Text**:

SHALL THE OLATHE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED \$331,300 (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR DOLLAR INCREASE), BEGINNING IN LEVY YEAR 2023 (FOR COLLECTION IN CALENDAR YEAR 2024) AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, BY INCREASING THE DISTRICT'S EXISTING PROPERTY TAX BY 5.484 MILLS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENSURING QUALITY LIFE SAFETY FOR THE CITIZENS OF THE OLATHE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, MAINTAINING A PERMANENT FULL-TIME PRESENCE, AND ALLOWING FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT WITH NEWER TECHNOLOGIES THAT FURTHER IMPROVE EMERGENCY REPSONSE CAPABILITIES,

WITH SUCH PROCEEDS TO BE USED FOR THE GENERAL OPERATIONS OF THE DISTRICT TO FURTHER SUCH PURPOSES, SPECIFICALLY INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- INCREASING FUNDING TO AVOID LOSS OF PERSONNEL, INCREASE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES, CONTINUE THE PROVISION OF ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT EMERGENCY SERVICES, AND MAINTAINING 911 RESPONSE TIMES;
- REPAIRING AND REPLACING AGING EMERGENCY RESPONSE APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT;
- EXTENDING THE USEFUL LIFE OF THE FIRE STATION;

AND MAY THE MILL LEVY OF THE DISTRICT BE ADJUSTED, UP OR DOWN, TO ADDRESS ANY OFFSETTING BUDGET SHORTFALLS RESULTING FROM THE STATE REDUCTION IN THE ASSESSMENT RATES WITH A TEMPORARY MILL LEVY ADJUSTMENT, TO ACCOUNT FOR ANY SUCH CONSTITUTIONAL OR LEGISLATIVE CHANGES IN THE METHOD BY WHICH ASSESSED VALUATION IS CALCULATED OCCURRING AFTER 2023; AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN, AND SPEND ALL DISTRICT REVENUE WITHSTANDING ANY LIMITS SET FORTH IN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, SECTION 29-1-301 C.R.S., AND ANY OTHER LAW, WITH ALL REVENUE SPENDING DISCLOSED IN AN ANNUAL INDEPENDENT AUDIT?

#### Historical and Current Estimated Fiscal Year Revenue and Spending Information

| <u>Fiscal Year</u>        | Revenue     |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| 2019 (Actual)             | \$1,365,333 |
| 2020 (Actual)             | \$1,314,499 |
| 2021 (Actual)             | \$1,316,692 |
| 2022 (Actual – unaudited) | \$1,475,584 |
| 2023 (Estimated)          | \$1,521,036 |

| Overall percentage change in Fiscal Year Revenue over the 5- year period from 2019 through 202311.40%                       |
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| Overall Dollar change in Fiscal Year Revenue over the 5-year period from 2019<br>through 2023\$155,703                      |
| Estimated First Full Year Dollar Amount of Increase for Fiscal Year 2024 (the First Full Year of the Proposed Tax Increase) |
| Estimated Spending for Fiscal Year 2024 Without Proposed Tax Increase<br>\$1,277,612  |
| <u>Summaries of Written Comments filed with the Election Official FOR Ballot</u><br>Question:                               |

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

#### <u>Summaries of Written Comments filed with the Election Official AGAINST</u> <u>Ballot Question:</u>

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.