

Cloverdale Rural Fire Protection District

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Levy 9-183: Frequently Asked Questions

When is Election Day? Election Day is May 19, 2026.

What is the purpose of the levy?

The Cloverdale Fire District, Board of Directors have determined the need to replace the previous voter approved operating levy that reduced response times, increased staffing, and enhanced community safety. The Board is asking voters to replace this local option levy to maintain these vital service levels, as well as increase staffing by two positions.

What services does Cloverdale RFPD provide?

Cloverdale RFPD provides fire suppression, wildland fire response, hazardous materials response, fire prevention, basic rescue services, quick response to medical incidents.

How does increasing career staff impact volunteers?

Career staff provide consistent, guaranteed response coverage, which relieves volunteers from having to respond to minor or routine incidents. Volunteers remain a critical part of the District's response network, particularly for large-scale or concurrent emergencies.

How much will the levy cost?

The replacement levy includes an increase from \$0.69 to \$1.23 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. For a property assessed at \$325,000, this means an increase from \$224/year to \$399/year. You will see an increase in your taxes of \$149.50 a year, this includes the \$0.08 decrease to the Bond Tax.

What is assessed value?

Assessed value (AV) is the amount used to calculate Oregon property taxes. Each year, the county assessor determines your property's real market value (RMV) and assessed value (AV).

You are taxed on your assessed valuation. This can be found on your annual property tax statement or by searching your property at:
<https://dial.deschutes.org/>

What did the voter-approved General Obligation Bond measure accomplish?

In 2015, voters approved a bond to fund critical infrastructure and equipment upgrades. The bond provided:

- One new fire station
- Remodel of fire station
- Two new fire engines
- Two new command rigs

The bond was approved at a rate not to exceed \$0.46 per \$1,000; Cloverdale has conservatively managed the rate at an average of \$.41 per \$1,000 annually. This year we believe we will be able to lower that rate to approximately \$.36 per \$1000 and it should stay there moving forward.

What other funding options have been considered?

The District aggressively pursues public and private grant opportunities. Over the past four years, Cloverdale has received \$224,5000 in Grant funds for equipment and staffing support, including:

- OSFM summer staffing
- New Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus
- Wildland Radios

While these grants are vital, funds can only be used for their designated purposes and cannot replace operational funding provided by the levy.