

Measure 29-116 Formation of the Nehalem Bay Fire and Rescue District

QUESTION: Shall the Nehalem Bay Fire and Rescue District be formed with a permanent tax rate of \$1.15 beginning FY 2009-2010?

SUMMARY: A “Yes” vote will authorize formation of the Nehalem Bay Fire and Rescue District, effective January 1, 2009 and establish a permanent tax rate of \$1.15 per \$1000 of assessed valuation.

The District will provide fire protection, rescue and first responder emergency services to residents in Manzanita, Nehalem, Wheeler, the Neahkahnie Water District, Mohler, Brighton and rural areas of North Tillamook County and south Clatsop County.

The Manzanita and Nehalem fire departments will operate until June 30, 2009 when equipment will be turned over to the new district. On July 1, 2009, the Nehalem Bay Fire and Rescue District will begin providing emergency services.

Property taxes will generate approximately \$850,000 annually. Taxes will pay for a fire chief, training officer, fire safety equipment for volunteers, fire engines and a rescue van. The proposed budget includes funds to build a central fire station outside the tsunami/flood inundation areas and a satellite fire station east of the Nehalem River.

This measure will take effect only if Measure #29-114 and Measure #29-115 are also approved by voters.