



# Fire, Police, Parks & Library Measure 34-276: Proposed Levy Renewal

**WHAT?** In 2002, voters authorized a levy to provide additional funding for the City of Forest Grove's fire, emergency medical, police, parks, aquatics, and library services. In 2012, voters authorized a replacement levy of \$1.60 per \$1,000 of assessed value, which expires on June 30, 2018.

**HOW MUCH?** If passed, Measure 34-276 would renew the levy at the current rate of \$1.60 per \$1,000 of assessed value for five years starting in July, 2018. If passed, the levy would raise approximately \$2.4 million per year, nearly 80% of which would help fund fire, emergency medical, and police services. The remaining amount would help fund parks, aquatics and library services. If passed, the levy would cost approximately \$400 per year for a home with a taxable assessed value (not market value) of \$250,000.

If the levy does not pass, property taxes on the same home would decrease by \$1.60 per \$1,000 of assessed value or approximately \$400 per year. In addition, \$2.4 million in funding for fire, police, emergency medical, parks, and library would end on June 30, 2018. This reduction would lead to fewer firefighters, police officers, parks and library staff, and reduced aquatic and library hours starting July 1, 2018.

## **IF THE PROPOSED LEVY PASSES...**

### **Fire would maintain:**

- Ability to respond to multiple fire and medical calls at a time.
- Fire and emergency medical response from trained personnel.
- Ability to recruit and retain experienced firefighters and paramedics.
- Disaster preparedness and fire prevention programs.

### **Police would maintain:**

- Neighborhood patrols 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
- Investigation of crimes such as burglary, elder abuse, narcotics, and fraud.
- Domestic violence intervention.
- In-person police officer response to emergency calls.

### **Parks would maintain:**

- Upkeep to parks and trails.
- Aquatic Center open 7 days a week.
- Fitness and public swim programs.

### **Library would maintain:**

- Children, tween, teen, and adult programs.
- Access to 1.7 million items, Wi-Fi, and computers.
- Open 6 days a week.

# Fire, Police, Parks & Library Information

## Serving Our Community



### Forest Grove Fire

- Responded to 3,812 calls last year—more than 10 calls per day.
- Firefighters and paramedics responded to more than one call at a time 990 times last year.
- 80% of all calls are for emergency medical services.
- Personnel trained in both firefighting and emergency medical response.
- Recruit and retain experienced firefighters and EMTs.



### Forest Grove Police

- Responded to 25,892 calls for service last year—nearly 80 calls per day.
- Investigate crimes such as burglary, elder abuse, sex crimes, narcotics, and fraud.
- Neighborhood patrols 24 hours a day, every day of the year.
- Domestic violence intervention.
- Code enforcement and crime prevention programs.



### Parks & Aquatics

- Maintain facilities such as parks, trails, ball fields, splash park, swimming pools, playgrounds, and restrooms.
- Aquatic Center open hours 7 days a week resulting in 120,000 visits per year.
- Fitness and public swim programs for all ages.
- Reservations for facilities for organized sports and private gatherings.



### Library

- Story times for children and programs for tweens, teens, and adults.
- Access to more than 1.7 million books, movies, CDs, audiobooks and e-books.
- Wi-Fi, internet, and computers.
- Open hours 6 days a week and 137,473 visits last year.