



Frequently Asked Questions

Proposed Ballot Measure



Clackamas County Fire District #1 Measure 3-560

Estacada Rural Fire District No. 69 Merger Measure 3-561

1. If the proposed measure passes, would staffing levels change?

Yes. As part of the contract and upon the proposed merger, staffing at the Main Station would increase to four firefighters on duty with at least one paramedic at all times starting in July of 2021.

2. How would the proposed merger affect residents of Estacada Rural Fire District No. 69?

If the measure passes, Clackamas County Fire District #1 would increase full time staffing of firefighter/paramedics. Effective July 1, 2021, staffing would increase at the Estacada Community Fire Station to four firefighters on duty with at least one paramedic at all times.

Additionally, residents would have access to:

- The various technical rescue teams to include, hazardous materials response, swift water rescue, trench and confined space rescue
- Fire and life safety education such as hands only CPR and emergency home escape planning for all community members
- Fire and life safety inspections and education for businesses
- Support services would include building maintenance, fire apparatus maintenance, equipment repair

3. If the measure passes, how would the merger affect Clackamas County Fire District #1 residents?

Clackamas County Fire District #1 would increase response capabilities to the communities of Eagle Creek, Highland, Logan, Boring and Clarkes with the proposed additional firefighters staffing the Estacada Main Station.

4. If the measure passes, would Estacada Rural Fire District No. 69 Station 330 and Station 333 keep their names and current functions?

Yes. If the merger is approved by voters in November 2020, the Estacada Main Station would be known as the Estacada Community Fire Station and crews staffing the station would continue to take part in community events. The emergency response vehicles would be numbered and decaled with the Clackamas County Fire District #1 logos and numbering system. The George Road Fire Station would be known as the George Road Community Fire Station.

5. What would be the role of the Estacada Rural Fire District No. 69 Board if the measure passes?

The Estacada Rural Fire District No. 69 Board would become the Estacada Rural Fire District No. 69 Board of Trustees and would work to complete the merger and transition assets. If the proposed merger is approved, and all assets are transferred, the Board of Trustees would be dissolved.

6. If the measure passes would the George Road Community Fire Station (Station 333) be staffed by volunteers?

Yes. Station 333 would be added to the current volunteer station matrix and volunteers would be assigned to the station just as it is with the other volunteer stations. Volunteers would participate in the rotating duty shift assignments.

7. What would the staffing model at Main Station be, if the measure passes?

Effective July 1, 2021, staffing would increase at the Estacada Community Fire Station to four firefighters on duty with at least one paramedic at all times.

8. Would the proposed merger increase staffing at Eagle Creek Station 18, if the measure passes?

No; however, it would improve response performance by increasing the number of firefighters in the surrounding communities that are available for response to fires and other emergencies.

9. If the measure passes, would Clackamas County Fire District #1 continue to attend community events in Estacada? If so, how?

Yes, Clackamas County Fire District #1's Public Information Officer would assist in coordinating participation in community events and involvement with organizations as defined previously by Estacada Rural Fire District No. 69. Community events would continue to be attended by Clackamas County Fire District #1's firefighters, staff and volunteers.

10. If the measure passes, would Clackamas County Fire District #1 provide Fire Prevention, Public Education and Fire Marshal services in Estacada?

Yes, Fire Prevention and Education would include the following services:

- Review building and construction plans for compliance with applicable fire codes and ordinances.
- Investigate all fires.
- Review and propose fire codes and ordinances for adoption by the board of directors and perform inspections.
- Enforce applicable fire codes, ordinances, regulations, policies/procedures and statutes.
- Conduct fire prevention and education programs within Estacada Fire District including civic group participation, presentations at schools and other

community events. These programs and activities would be consistent with current District programs.

- Maintain, adequate records of activities as may be required by the Insurance Services Office and the Oregon State Fire Marshal.

11. Where would a Battalion Chief respond from when there is a significant incident within the Estacada Rural Fire District No. 69 service area, if the measure passes?

Clackamas County Fire District #1 would utilize the current three Battalion Chief model with BC 301, BC 302, and or BC 303 responding to Estacada and the surrounding communities. The closest Battalion Chief would be stationed at the Boring Community Fire Station. The Battalion Chief serves to coordinate emergency resources on scene and is responsible for ensuring the community is adequately covered to respond to additional emergencies.

12. When would the proposed merger vote take place?

The proposed merger measure is planned to be on the November 2020 ballot.

13. Who would own the assets if the proposed measure passes?

All assets and liabilities would be transferred to the surviving entity, which in this case would be Clackamas County Fire District #1.

14. Do voters from both Fire Districts have the opportunity to vote on the proposed merger?

Yes. Electors of both Fire Districts would have the opportunity to vote on the proposed merger.

15. What would happen if the measure does not pass?

The proposed merger would not occur, and there would be no change in Fire District tax rates. The contract for service between Estacada Rural Fire District No. 69 and Clackamas County Fire District #1, with staffing of three firefighters on duty at all times, will expire on June 30, 2021

16. If the measure passes, would there be an additional cost for the proposed fire and emergency services?

No. If the measure passes, Clackamas County Fire District #1 residents would continue to pay the existing tax rate of \$2.4012 per \$1,000 of assessed value. If the measure passes, Estacada Rural Fire District No. 69 residents would see a reduction in their tax rate from the current \$2.4029 per \$1,000 of assessed value to the new rate of \$2.4012 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

17. If the measure passes, would the 2015 Clackamas County Fire District #1 bond debt be transferred to Estacada Rural Fire District No. 69 residents?

No, the 2015 bond debt would not be transferred to Estacada Rural Fire District No. 69 residents.

18. If the measure passes, would citizens of the former Estacada Rural Fire District No. 69 be eligible to serve on the Fire Board?

Yes, if the merger is approved by voters, any eligible property owner under state elections laws would be eligible to run for a position on the Clackamas County Fire District #1 Board of Directors.