

**CITY OF UNION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Date: November 14, 2023

Shall the City of Union Fire and EMS District service boundaries be annexed to the Union Rural Fire Protection District??

The Public is invited to a Public Hearing on Monday, December 18, 2023, at 6:00 PM, in the Leonard Almquist Council Chambers, 342 S. Main Street, Union, OR. The City will provide an explanation and description of whether the area of the City of Union Fire and EMS District boundaries shall be annexed into the Union Rural Fire Protection District.

The City will discuss the purpose of the public hearing for the City of Union. The purpose of the hearing is to obtain citizen's views and to allow response from the public to answer any questions posed by citizens.

The City of Union proposes that the City Emergency Medical Services and Fire Department be annexed into the Union Rural Fire Protection District (URFPD) for the purposes of providing fire protection and emergency medical services to the City of Union residents.

The City's EMS and Fire Department and the URFPD share the same volunteer firefighters and much of the same equipment. The City will convey its fire protection and EMS vehicles, equipment, and existing EMS funds to the District and the District will assume responsibility for providing fire protection and EMS in both City and rural areas.

Annexation will result in removal of the current \$10.00 monthly fee on the City's utility billings. If the ballot measure does not pass, the City's public safety fee on the utility billings MAY increase approximately up to \$25.00 per month.

To fund fire protection and EMS, the URFPD will levy an annual ad valorem tax not to exceed \$1.2292/\$1000.000 of value on all taxable property in the City. In 2023, typical homeowners with an assessed value (not market value) of \$200,000 would pay \$245.84. Estimated levy amount per year: \$152,594 in 2024-25, \$157,172 in 2025-26, \$161,887 in 2026-27, \$166,744 in 2027-28, \$171,746. In 2028-29.

