

CENTRAL VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT
Resolution Number: 242501

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE CENTRAL VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT THE QUESTION OF AUTHORIZING A LEVY OF UP TO 23 MILLS PER YEAR IN PERPETUITY TO RAISE APPROXIMATELY \$3,997,687 PER YEAR IN ADDITION TO THE MILL LEVY LIMIT IMPOSED BY LAW FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING INCREASED OPERATING COSTS AND STAFFING FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE.

This resolution was introduced by Fire Chief Jay Wittwer; moved by Trustee MacLeod and seconded by Trustee Wilkins the resolution was adopted by a vote of 5-0.

WHEREAS, the Central Valley Fire District is a Montana Rural Fire District as set forth in applicable law (the "District") and is authorized to increase mill levies for a specific purpose by conducting a mill levy election authorized by Section 15-10-425, Montana Code Annotated;

WHEREAS, the sustained growth of the District necessitates an increase of professional staffing and operating costs in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of District residents;

WHEREAS, the District has experienced a significant increase in emergency call volume; and


WHEREAS, the proposed mill levy of 23 mills is an increase from the 10 mills approved by the voters in 2021 pursuant to Section 15-10-425, Montana Code Annotated and will allow the continued proper funding for the District to increase staffing levels and manage other increasing operational cost in order to maintain the ability to reasonably respond to emergencies and protect the growing population of District residents and visitors.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING IS PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED:

1. That the specific purpose for which the additional money is to be used is to fund increased operating and staffing costs for emergency response in the District.
2. That the specific number of mills required is twenty-three (23).
3. That the approximate amount of money that is to be raised, based on property valuations for Fiscal Year 2024 is \$3,997,687 per year. The approximate amount raised will change year to year based on property valuations.
4. That the levy shall be authorized in perpetuity provided that the District may reduce the approved levy in any fiscal year without losing the authority to impose in a subsequent fiscal year up to the maximum number of mills.
5. That the District does hereby call and request the Election Administrator of Gallatin County, Montana to conduct a mail ballot election pursuant to Title 13, Chapter 19, Montana Code Annotated for the qualified electors of the District with a mail ballot election and general election due date of November 5, 2024, for the purpose of voting on the question of authorizing it to make a levy of 23 mills in addition to the mill levy limit imposed by law in accordance with this Resolution and the attached notices and ballots.

6. That all qualified electors of the Central Valley Fire District shall be entitled to vote at the election by mail ballot. The Election Administrator is hereby requested and authorized to proceed with the election in the form and manner prescribed by law including the posting and publishing of proper notice.
7. That the Election Administrator is hereby requested and authorized to cause notice of the call and holding of the election in accordance with Mont. Code Ann. § 13-1-108.
8. That the Election Administrator is hereby requested and authorized to prepare suitable ballots in a form substantially set forth in Exhibit A to this Resolution for use at the election together with precinct registers and any other necessary and proper election supplies in order to conduct a mail ballot election with an election date of November 5, 2024.
9. That a copy of this Resolution will be immediately transmitted to the Election Administrator after its adoption and approval in order to inform them of the details of the election and the pertinent requests and authorizations as to the conduct of the election.

SIGNED this **6th** day of **August, 2024**.



Ty Elliot, Chairman

ATTEST:



Mark MacLeod, Secretary

Exhibit A

OFFICIAL BALLOT
CENTRAL VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

MILL LEVY ELECTION TO BE CONDUCTED
ON
NOVEMBER 5, 2024

Shall the Board of Trustees of the Central Valley Fire District (the "District") be authorized to levy up to 23 mills per year in perpetuity to raise approximately \$3,997,687 dollars per year based on current property valuations for the purposes of funding increased operating and staffing costs for emergency response?

An increase in property taxes may lead to an increase in rental costs. Using current assessed values of taxable property in the District, property taxes on a home in the District valued at \$100,000 would be approximately \$31.05 per year, on a home in the District valued at \$300,000 would be approximately \$93.15 per year, and on a home in the District valued at \$600,000 would be approximately \$186.30 per year.

_____ Mill Levy – YES

_____ Mill Levy - NO