


# Jackson County voters' pamphlet

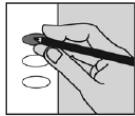


Oregon Vote-by-Mail Special Election

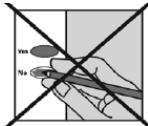
**November 7, 2023**

## VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

Examine your Official Ballot and locate the response of your choice. To vote, you must completely darken the oval (  ) to the left of the response of your choice with black or blue ink.



If you vote **both** Yes **and** No on a measure, it is called an overvote. Your vote **will not count** for that measure.



Contact Jackson County Elections to request a replacement if:

- you make a mistake
- your ballot is damaged or spoiled
- your ballot is lost

or for any other reason.

## RETURN YOUR BALLOT

**By mail:** Mail your ballot so it is postmarked by the USPS by Election Day.

**In person at an official drop site:** Deposit your ballot in an official Oregon ballot drop box by 8 pm on Election Day.

**Notice: The Ashland Library drop box will not be open for this election. Return your ballot by mail or to the Jackson County Elections Drop Box.**

### Jackson County Elections

1101 W. Main St., Suite 201, Medford, OR 97501  
(541) 774-6148 [www.jacksoncountyor.org](http://www.jacksoncountyor.org)

## DROP SITE LOCATIONS

*Ballots must be deposited in an official ballot drop site by 8 pm on ELECTION DAY, November 7, 2023.*

### Jackson County Elections *Opening Monday, October 23rd*

1101 W. Main St., Suite 201, Medford, OR 97501

Curbside ballot drop box open 24 hours daily (left lane - W. Main)

Elections office open 8 am to 4 pm (7 am - 8 pm on Election Day)

## VOTER REGISTRATION

*The deadline to register to vote is the 21st day before an election.*

### Registering to Vote

To vote in Oregon you need to be registered in the county where you reside. You can register if you can answer yes to these three questions:

- Are you a resident of Oregon?
- Are you a U.S. citizen?
- Are you at least 16 years of age?

If you are 16 or 17 years of age, you will not receive a ballot until an election occurs on or after your 18th birthday.

### How to register

You can register to vote online at [www.oregonvotes.gov](http://www.oregonvotes.gov) or you can get a voter registration card at any of the following places:

- any county elections office
- the Secretary of State's office
- some state agencies such as the Division of Motor Vehicles
- a voter registration drive

You can fill the card out in person or send it in by US mail. You can also print out a registration card online at [www.oregonvotes.gov](http://www.oregonvotes.gov).

### Updating your voter registration

Once you have registered, you are responsible for keeping your information up to date. You can do this online at [www.oregonvotes.gov](http://www.oregonvotes.gov) or by completing and returning a voter registration card with the new information.

### Assistance in Marking Ballot; Allowances and Limitations

Any voter who, due to a disability or inability to read or write, is unable to mark their ballot may receive assistance. The assistance is provided either by two persons of different political parties provided by the county clerk or by some other person chosen by the voter. Any person assisting a voter must follow the direction of the voter as to how to vote the ballot. Also, the person assisting the voter must not afterwards give out any information about how the voter voted. Additionally, a person may not provide such assistance if they are an employer of the voter or an agent of the employer. Also, a person may not provide such assistance if they are an officer or agent of a union of which the voter is a member. (ORS 254.445)

# Translation Information

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Selected portions of this county voters' pamphlet are available in Simplified Chinese, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese. These translations can be found online at [oregonvotes.gov/JacksonVP](https://oregonvotes.gov/JacksonVP)

本县选民手册的部分内容提供简体中文版本。可以访问 [oregonvotes.gov/JacksonVP](https://oregonvotes.gov/JacksonVP) 获取译本。

주 유권자 팜플렛의 선택된 부분은 한국어 준비되어 있습니다. 번역은 온라인 [oregonvotes.gov/JacksonVP](https://oregonvotes.gov/JacksonVP) 에서 찾아볼 수 있습니다.

Отдельные части брошюр избирателей этого округа доступны на русском языке. С данными переводами можно ознакомиться в Интернете по адресу: [oregonvotes.gov/JacksonVP](https://oregonvotes.gov/JacksonVP)

Algunas secciones de este folleto para votantes del condado están disponibles en español. Estas traducciones están disponibles en línea en [oregonvotes.gov/JacksonVP](https://oregonvotes.gov/JacksonVP)

Ang mga piling bahagi ng mga pamphlet na ito para sa mga botante ng county ay mababasa sa Tagalog. Makikita online ang mga pagsasaling-wikang ito sa [oregonvotes.gov/JacksonVP](https://oregonvotes.gov/JacksonVP)

Các phần được chọn trong tập thông tin cho cử tri quận này có bản ngôn ngữ tiếng Việt. Bản dịch có thể xem trực tuyến tại [oregonvotes.gov/JacksonVP](https://oregonvotes.gov/JacksonVP)

# Measure 15-223 Colestin Rural Fire Protection District

## Ballot Title

# 15-223

### Dissolution of Colestin Rural Fire Protection District

**Question:** Shall the Colestin Rural Fire Protection District be dissolved and its tax rate eliminated?

**Summary:** Measure would dissolve Colestin Rural Fire Protection District and eliminate Colestin Rural Fire Protection District's permanent tax rate. Measure would take effect on JANUARY 1, 2024. All assets and liabilities of Colestin Rural Fire Protection District would transfer to Jackson County Fire District No. 5 (JCFD5) including funds held. The complete plan of dissolution is available for examination at the office of the county clerk.

Currently, the Colestin District and JCFD5 have a mutual aid agreement where JCFD5 responds to emergencies in the Colestin District. Dissolution of the Colestin District will enable the Colestin district territory to be annexed into JCFD5, be fully part of that district, and taxed by JCFD5 at the PTR of \$3.1976/\$1,000. JCFD5 is actively working to annex the Colestin District, but annexation cannot occur unless this measure passes.

## Explanatory Statement

For over four decades, the all-volunteer Colestin Rural Fire District has served the fire and emergency life safety needs of the community. Now core volunteers are aging out, volunteerism is on the decline and the elected Board of Directors have determined that continued operation of a separate fire department is unsustainable.

After researching options and public discussion, the Colestin Board of Directors determined the most viable option for continued fire services is to annex the Colestin territory into Jackson County Fire District 5. Annexation cannot occur until the Colestin Rural Fire District is dissolved. The Board has referred this measure to the ballot as the initial step. Dissolution of the district is the question at issue in the vote before you.

A "Yes" vote is for dissolution of the Colestin Rural Fire District and lays the groundwork for timely annexation into Jackson County Fire District 5. Dissolution is a prerequisite to annexation. Dissolution will also eliminate the Colestin Rural Fire District tax levy.

A "No" vote is against dissolution of the Colestin Rural Fire District. If the vote for dissolution fails, the Board of Colestin Rural Fire District believes it will be unable to staff and operate the fire department, which will effectively cease operations December 31, 2023. After that date, the Board of Directors believes it is likely the community will be without fire and emergency life safety services for some indeterminate time and that decisions may be left to Jackson County.

Dissolution of the Colestin District will allow the territory to be annexed into Jackson County Fire District 5 through either a future vote or consent of the electorate. If dissolution is approved, Jackson County Fire District 5 has agreed to provide emergency services in the interim as part of the dissolution plan while annexation is pursued.

*(This information furnished by Colestin Rural Fire Protection District.)*

## Argument in Favor

We support a YES vote on the "Dissolution of the Colestin Rural Fire District" measure before you.

Our local volunteers have given years of dedicated service to the community, but it is clear that CRFD is no longer sustainable. With CRFD ending its fire and medical service to the community, we will need to have these services provided by another agency. Dissolution of CRFD is the first, necessary step for a smooth transfer of such services from CRFD to Jackson County Fire District 5.

As a community, we can promote an orderly and timely transition from CRFD to JCFD5 by voting YES to dissolve CRFD. A process to annex into Jackson County Fire District 5 will follow successful dissolution of CRFD.

As volunteers, it has been very rewarding to serve our community. We believe moving to the professional services of Jackson County Fire District 5 will provide continuing excellent service, and is the best way to care for our community going forward.

Teri Thomas – CRFD Board of Directors Treasurer

Lisa Buttrey

*(This information furnished by Lisa Buttrey.)*

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