If approved by vote, the Grants Pass Fire Rescue Services District would provide a permanent funding solution for Public Safety’s delivery of service and would allow the City to eliminate the temporary funding of the Public Safety Levy.

- Grants Pass City Council originally adopted the objective of creating a Fire Rescue Services District in January 2016 due to:
  - The reduction of funds allocated to the County Jail and Juvenile Detention facilities that initiated the City’s Jail Utility Fee.
  - If voter approved, the opportunity to provide permanent funding for City Public Safety Services.
- Matrix Consulting awarded contract to assess the feasibility and provided a report in September of 2016.
- Feasibility study focused on forming a Fire Rescue Services District, which, if approved would start out with a boundary the same as the City limits boundary.
- If passed, the District would provide the same level of service currently provided by the City.
- If passed, the District would continue to use the equipment currently used by the City.
- If voters approved the District, all current City Fire Rescue staff would transition over to the new District.
- In addition to asking voters to consider district formation and the proposed tax rate of $2.03 per $1,000 of assessed value, the governing authority for the proposed district would be a five-member district board, which the voters would elect from a slate of candidates on the same ballot as the Grants Pass Fire Rescue District.
- If the district is formed, the permanent tax rate could never be increased per state constitutional law.
- If the district is approved, based on financial projections, current funding levels would support the district.

The district would provide a permanent funding solution for the City’s Public Safety System.

- Consistent budget for the Fire District would allow the department to implement long range planning and purchases which could sustain the level of Fire Rescue services provided.
- If district is approved by voters, City’s Police and Fire Public Safety Levy at $1.79 per $1,000 of assessed value would be discontinued.
- Budget management would be separate from the City.
- Would provide consistent governance and management.

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If the district is approved, the following services would be impacted:

- Grants Pass Fire Rescue would continue to provide the same 24/7 level of services as provided today:
  - Structural and wildland fire suppression.
  - Advanced emergency medical care.
  - Technical rescue.
  - Student firefighter program.
  - Fire and life safety prevention / public education services.

If the district is approved, the Financial Projections would be as follows:

- If approved, an additional assessment of $2.03 per $1,000 of assessed value would be implemented.
  - The City would discontinue the $1.79 per $1,000 of assessed value Public Safety Levy.
- The District would include at formation all properties in City limits plus Service & Annexation agreement properties - all properties that are currently paying for and receiving Police and Fire services. 102 unincorporated properties currently have Service & Annexation agreements with the City and are already paying the equivalent of City property tax rates for those services.
- District at formation would have all the same taxpayers as the City, therefore it’s assumed that all specific assets and equipment belonging to the Fire Rescue Division would be donated to the new Fire District.
  - Fire apparatus.
  - Fire facilities.
  - Cash balances set aside by the Fire Rescue division in the City Equipment Replacement Fund.
- One Full Time Equivalent (FTE) increase in total Fire Rescue Staff compared to City staffing, however, slightly lower total personnel costs as compared to being a division of Grants Pass Public Safety.
- Lower PERS rates due to being a new independent district would save about $233,000 per year for a new district compared to City of Grants Pass rates (firefighters in Oregon are required to be on PERS or similar plan).

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Did you know the Department of Public Safety just hired five part-time Public Safety Cadets?

Cadets are non-sworn personnel providing non-emergency support to the Police Division by enforcing the Municipal Code within the Central Business District and our stunning public parks. They will be highly visible, "boots on the ground" personnel, educating people on an array of City ordinances like drinking alcohol in public and disorderly behavior. And, if the education piece doesn't seem to work, our Cadets are ready to write a person a ticket for the violation.

What else? Our Cadets will respond to requests for assistance from the public, alert the Police Division to the presence of hazardous situations and criminal activity, and assist in preliminary first aid for sick or injured persons. Did I mention they will also support our Nuisance Intervention Team?

The Cadet program will provide supplemental personnel for routine Police Department activities, broaden the capabilities of the department to enforce a greater number of Municipal Code violations, enhance public safety/service, not to mention the increased visibility will promote a feeling of community safety.

Bottom line, our Cadets will provide an augmented response to disorderly behavior in our wonderful community, helping you and your family continue to enjoy your Grants Pass experience.

Our Visitors Thank You!

Summer is the peak tourist season for many places and Grants Pass is no exception. Our town has already been full of events and activities that draw in visitors from all over who want to take in the experience we get to have every day. We are so lucky to live in this beautiful region that offers endless recreation. We boast of our vibrant downtown, wineries and breweries, outstanding parks, scenic hiking and cycling trails, and our mighty Rogue River that brings refreshment and adventure to residents and visitors alike.

Though summer is coming to a close, the activity is not. First Friday Live continues to bring the community downtown on the first Friday of each month to provide art, music, food and fun. Art Along the Rogue takes place October 5th and 6th downtown with spectacular artists lining the streets with colorful masterpieces and awesome bands filling the air with music.

While our Downtown Welcome Center staff work hard to provide information to our visiting tourists and the public, we are constantly encouraged by how welcomed our visitors feel by all of you. Locals serve as ambassadors for Grants Pass and, as such, have the opportunity to increase our appeal. Thank you for your contribution to our important tourism industry! If you have suggestions or ideas of how we can continue to improve, please email us at office@travelgrantspass.com. For more information about all we have happening, visit travelgrantspass.com.
Keeping Our Streets Clean

Debris and leaves that collect in gutters on our City streets can result in flooding by creating blockages, plugging up the City's stormdrain system. To help reduce the amount of leaves, debris, dirt and trash that enter into the stormwater system, the City of Grants Pass implemented a street sweeping program. All city residential areas have been divided into "zones" and each of the 15 zones has a scheduled sweeping day.

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City Council Meetings
1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 6 pm
in the City Council Chambers
101 NW A Street

City Council Workshops are typically held in the City Council Chambers on Mondays at 11:45 am
Holidays will alter this schedule.

Any televised meetings are on Charter Cable Channel 183 and stream live on our website at www.grantspassoregon.gov.

Listen live to City Councilors and staff discussing local issues on KAJO (1270 AM) the 1st and 2nd Tuesdays each month at 9:30 am

Visit our Facebook and YouTube social media platforms to watch City Manager Aaron Cubic provide a recap of the City Council meetings each Thursday following a Council Meeting.

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