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Mason County Fire Protection District No. 13

2022 Levy Lid Lift Ballot Proposition

Factual Statement

Mason County Fire Protection District No. 13 voters should be accurately informed about the upcoming Levy Lid Lift Ballot Measure.

The Argument Against the Measure in the Mason County Voter's pamphlet contains factual errors and this statement is intended to set forth the facts of the tax impact of the ballot measure.

The Argument Against the Measure statement states that rejection of the ballot measure will reduce your taxes to zero. This is factually incorrect. Taxes will not be reduced if the measure is rejected, however, taxes will be increased if the measure is approved.

The following explains how the ballot measure will affect your property taxes.

The District's current tax levy rate is approximately \$1.26 per thousand of assessed valuation.

If the ballot measure is approved by the voters the tax rate will increase to \$1.50 per thousand of assessed valuation. An increase of \$.24 per thousand of assessed valuation.

If the voters reject the ballot measure, the current tax rate will increase based on the statutory rate of 1%.

The impact to property owners is demonstrated by the following examples (which assume that assessed values do not change for ease of explanation).

Example 1.

Property valued at \$100,000.

2022 tax is \$126.00

2023 tax (ballot measure approved) would be \$150.00. An increase of \$24.00.

2023 tax (ballot measure not approved) would be \$127.26. An increase of \$1.26.

Example 2.

Property valued at \$332,745.

2022 tax is \$419.26 ($\$332,745/1,000 * 1.26$)

2023 (ballot measure approved) \$499.12 ($\$332,745/1,000 * 1.50$). An increase of \$79.86.

2023 tax (ballot measure not approved) would be \$424.25. An increase of \$4.99.