

Measure 23-76 - Explanatory Statement

What will this measure do?

Passing this measure increases the annual charge of the Malheur County Ambulance Service District (ASD). Over three years (2027-2029), the charge increases from \$16 to \$31 (\$5 each year) for houses, apartments, mobile/manufactured homes, and assisted living units. For businesses, RV parks and motel/hotels, the charge increase from \$16 to \$31 plus an additional per full-time-employee (FTE) charge rising from \$1.50 to \$3.00, and a per space/room charge rising from \$2 to \$5. Fees and revenue are summarized below:

home, apartment, mobile home, assisted living unit:

current charge: \$16

2027: \$21

2028: \$26

2029: \$31

business:

current charge: \$16, plus \$1.50 per FTE

2027: \$21, plus \$2.00 per FTE

2028: \$26, plus \$2.50 per FTE

2029: \$31, plus \$3.00 per FTE

RV park, motel/hotel

current charge: \$16, plus \$2.00 each space/room

2027: \$21, plus \$3.00 each space/room

2028: \$26, plus \$4.00 each space/room

2029: \$31, plus \$5.00 each space/room

Annual revenue for ASD:

FY2026-2027: \$190,000

FY2027-2028: \$249,000

FY2028-2029: \$309,000

FY2029-2030: \$380,000

Will the charge increase over \$31 after year 2029?

No, the charge will remain at \$31 dollars until voters approve a change.

Is this charge tied to real property values?

No, the charge is fixed and does not change when property values change.

Why is the measure necessary and what will it be used for?

ASD funding comes entirely (100%) from this charge. No state, federal or county general funds supplement the ASD budget.

Additional revenue will:

- Expand the ASD Director's work hours to full time.
- Offset escalating costs of medical supplies.
- Provide additional funding to ambulance providers and non-transporting EMS agencies for trainings, equipment and supplies and ambulance/vehicle repair and replacement.

Who is ASD and what does it do?

ASD is a special district created by voters in 1990 to financially support multiple pre-hospital ambulance providers and non-transporting EMS agencies countywide. It operates under Oregon laws, with the Malheur County Court as its governing body. ASD employs a director, supervising physician and appoints an advisory board.

ASD:

- Develops the County Ambulance Service Areas (ASA) Plan, required by Oregon law.
- Purchases disposable medical supplies for ambulance providers and on-scene medical first responders.
- Provides annual funding to ambulance providers and non-transport EMS agencies for ambulance/vehicle repairs, equipment, supplies and EMT/paramedic training.
- Observes providers for compliance with state EMS standards, response time goals, and adherence to policies and contract terms.
- Establishes medical policies/procedures under the direction of the supervising physician.

What is the ASD geographic boundaries? All of Malheur County including the incorporated cities.

Who are the current pre-hospital ambulance providers in Malheur County? City of Vale, Treasure Valley Paramedics, and Jordan Valley Ambulance. These providers contract directly with the County. Providers bill their fees to Medicaid, Medicare, private insurance and patient/individuals. County does not furnish any funds to providers.

Who are the non-transporting EMS agencies that can receive funding from ASD? Ontario Fire/Rescue and Adrian QRU.

(This statement was provided by the Malheur County Court acting as the governing body of the Malheur County Ambulance Service District (ASD)).