



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN FIRE DISTRICT 2

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To the Residents of Township of Ocean Fire District 2:

We are writing you today because our fire district needs your help and support. On February 17, 2024, the Board of Fire Commissioners of Township of Ocean Fire District 2 will be holding a referendum to seek the public approval to issue bonds and notes, as set for by New Jersey Law. The purpose of this funding is to provide for construction of an addition to our existing Firehouse located at 2001 Sunset Avenue and make building modifications to our Emergency Medical Services Building located at 1401 Wickapecko Drive.

For in person voting, the election will take place on Saturday, February 17, 2024 from 2pm-9pm in the lobby of the Wanamassa Fire House located at 2001 Sunset Avenue, Wanamassa, NJ 07712. In addition, we are aware that many of the voters in the district also vote by mail, and those ballots will come to your registered address, if you registered to vote by mail with the Monmouth County Board of elections.

The Wanamassa Fire Company and Wanamassa First Aid Squad are supported through the Fire District 2 taxpayer funds, which provide for buildings, vehicles, equipment and training. These funds are paramount to provide Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services to our community 24 hours a day, 365 days per year.

The project that will be funded through this referendum will be an addition of two vehicle bays to store vehicles currently not able to be stored in the Firehouse. There also will be a second floor to this addition, which will give us rooms we currently do not have now. These will include meeting / training rooms, sleeping quarters / ready room for volunteer members to stand by during storms and states of emergency, and a kitchen to prepare meals.

The estimated yearly bond cost is not expected to cause the district to exceed the 2% cap on the total budget for 2025 and will cost each property tax payer the following amounts: For a property assessed at \$200K the cost will be an additional \$10.50 per tax quarter, for a home assessed at \$500K the cost will be an additional \$26.25 per tax quarter, for home assessed at 1M the additional cost will be \$52.50 per tax quarter.

It is anticipated that the additional tax rate for the addition and renovations will be \$0.021 cent per \$100 of assessed value.

Township of Ocean Fire District 2 currently has no debt service and has a history of providing steady level tax rates, while providing outstanding Fire and EMS services to the community. The impact on our tax rate negligible and we are well positioned to handle this with little to no impact to the taxpayer.

Please **VOTE YES** for the Fire District Budget, **VOTE YES** for ballot question. This will prepare us well for the exceptional services that we provided now, and well into the future.

Sincerely,

Board of Fire Commissioners Township of Ocean Fire District 2

Kevin O'Connor, President

Alan Dowling, Vice President

Earl Gifford, Treasurer

Michael Evans, Secretary

Jonathan Losquadro, Commissioner

