



INFORMATION SHEET FOR PROPOSITION 1 TO APPEAR ON THE FEBRUARY 11, 2020 SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT

Proposition 1 will appear on the February 11, 2020 Special Election Ballot for residents of both the City of Harrington and Lincoln County Fire Protection District No. 6 (LCFPD6), and asks the following question:

Shall the City of Harrington be annexed to and become part of Lincoln County Fire Protection District No. 6. YES NO

BACKGROUND: Lincoln County Fire Protection District 6 surrounds the City of Harrington and is currently providing mutual aid fire and EMS services to the City of Harrington which has no independent fire department. In the past, LCFPD6 has been reimbursed by the City of Harrington for fire fighter wages during a City limit fire call, along with free water and sewer at the station. After several meetings with LCFPD6 officials, the Mayor and City Council, they agreed that it was time for a new funding solution. Following discussions on the benefits of annexation, the Harrington City Council agreed that annexation of the City into LCFPD6 would be the best way for the citizens of Harrington to take a supportive role in the fire and EMS services provided by LCFPD6 to their City. On November 5, 2019 the Harrington City Council unanimously passed an ordinance to place Proposition 1 on the February 11, 2020 Special Election ballot. On November 12, 2019 the Board of Commissioners of LCFPD6 also unanimously passed a resolution approving the placement of Proposition 1 on the same ballot. For Proposition 1 to pass, both jurisdictions must approve the proposition by simple majority.

LINCOLN COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 6:

Size of Coverage Area	292 sq. mile		
2018 calls for Ambulance Service	City = 24 calls	County = 10 calls	
2018 calls for Fire Service	City = 3 calls	County = 15 calls	
2019 calls for Ambulance Service	City = 23 calls	County = 15 calls	
2019 calls for Fire Service	City = 15 calls	County = 16 calls	
	Total	City = 65 calls	County = 56 calls
Number of Volunteer Firefighters	24	Number of 4000 gallon Water Tankers	2
Number of EMTs	7	Number of Ambulances	1
Number of Stations	1	Number of Class A Pumpers (city owned)	1
Number of Brush/Fire trucks	5	Number of Search and Rescue vehicles	2

(Over)

IF PROPOSITION 1 IS APPROVED, WHERE WILL LCFPD6 RESPOND FROM:

LCFPD6 will respond from its only station, which is located within the city limits of Harrington, offering Harrington residents immediate fire and medical response.

IF PROPOSITION 1 IS APPROVED, HOW WILL TAX RATES CHANGE: Residents of LCFPD6 will see no change in their current fire levy rate, which will remain at \$.78 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. In 2020, City of Harrington residents will see no change in their current tax rate. The City Council has budgeted for fire and EMS service \$13,400 (the equivalent of the new levy amount) that will compensate LCFPD6 to be paid from the City's general fund for 2020. Beginning January of 2021, Harrington residents will pay the same fire district levy rate of \$.78 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation as LCFPD6 residents. The tax revenue generated from the City of Harrington residents will add approximately \$13,500 to the LCFPD6 tax revenue of approximately \$97,000 for a total operating budget of \$110,500. This annual operating budget increase will help LCFPD6 continue with its superior fire and EMS protection to the district and city for years to come.

IF PROPOSITION 1 IS APPROVED, WHEN WILL THE CITY BECOME PART OF LCFPD6: If approved by both City residents and LCFPD6 residents, the annexation becomes effective the day the election is certified, which is usually within two weeks after the election. City residents, who are registered voters, will be eligible to run for positions on the board of Commissioners during the next scheduled Commissioner elections.

WHAT HAPPENS IF PROPOSITION 1 FAILS: If Proposition 1 fails, LCFPD6 will continue to provide mutual aid services for fire and EMS to the City of Harrington as they have in the past, but negotiations for a new contract between the City of Harrington and LCFPD6 will take place for continued fire and EMS service. The city of Harrington would then have to reallocate monies from other needs of the city in order to fulfill the new contract.

FOR ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:

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