General Information

This is not a ballot. This notice is required pursuant to Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution. This notice is sent to households in Garfield County with registered voters who live within the boundaries of a Participating Entity with a tax question on the November 4, 2025, ballot. Receipt of this notice does not mean you will be eligible to vote on all the issues presented within the notice. Your voter registration address will determine which issues will be on your ballot.

For more information about the upcoming election, visit the Garfield County website at **www.GarfieldCountyCo.gov** or call the Elections Department at 970-384-3700 ext. 2.

Verify or update your current voter information at **www.GoVoteColorado.gov.**

Notice of 2025 Coordinated Election – November 4, 2025

All active voters will be mailed their ballots between October 10, 2025, and October 17, 2025. All ballots must be returned to a drop box, voter service center, or the County Clerk's office in Glenwood by 7:00 PM on Election Day.

If you will be away from your home when ballots are mailed, please make sure that the Garfield County Clerk's office has your correct mailing address. Ballots by law cannot be forwarded to another address. Requests to change a mailing address may be made at www.GoVoteColorado.gov or in writing by each voter and submitted to the County Clerk by email at elections@GarfieldCountyCo.gov. Call 970-384-3700 ext. 2 to reach the Garfield County Election Department.

Important 2025 Election Dates:

Oct 10 — First day ballots can be mailed to all active voters.

Oct 10 - Nov 4 — Ballot drop boxes are available beginning Friday, October 10, 2025, to receive voted ballots. Ballots are accepted until 7:00 PM on Election Day, Tuesday, November 4. All 24/7 ballot drop boxes are clearly marked as official Garfield County ballot drop boxes with red, white, and blue flag decorations. All drop boxes are under 24-hour camera surveillance.

Oct 27- Nov 3 — Voter Service and Polling Centers open for early voting:

Glenwood Springs Community Center
100 Wulfsohn Rd, Glenwood Springs
Mon - Fri, 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM
Sat (Nov 1), 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Garfield County Fairgrounds - South Hall
1001 Railroad Ave, Rifle
Mon - Fri, 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM
Sat (Nov 1), 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Oct 27 — Last day to register to vote or update your voter information and still be mailed a ballot.

Nov 1 — Voter Service and Polling Centers at the Glenwood Springs Community Center and the Garfield County Fairgrounds - South Hall in Rifle open from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Nov 4 — **ELECTION DAY** - Voter Service and Polling Centers are open from **7:00 AM to 7:00 PM** at the following locations: Carbondale Town Hall (511 Colorado Ave), Glenwood Springs Community Center (100 Wulfsohn Rd), Garfield County Fairgrounds – South Hall (1001 Railroad Ave) and Parachute Town Hall (222 Grand Valley Way).

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2025 TABOR NOTICE
Information about Local Issues on the 2025 November Coordinated Election Ballot

TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

OFFICIAL TABOR NOTICE FOR THE TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO
ALL REGISTERED VOTERS WITHIN THE STATE OF COLORADO WHO RESIDE IN THE TOWN OF SILT ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ON THE FOLLOWING BALLOT ISSUE
NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES

Election Date: November 4th, 2025
Election Hours: 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.
Coordinated Election with Garfield County

Local Election Office address and Telephone number

Address: Town of Silt
231 N. 7th Street
Silt, CO 81652
Contact person: Lori Malsbury
Phone: 970-876-2353

Ballot Title and Text of Ballot Issue 2A :

INSTITUTING SALES TAX ON TOBACCO AND NICOTINE PRODUCTS

SHALL THE TOWN OF SILT INCREASE TAXES ON THE SALE OF TOBACCO, CIGARETTE AND NICOTINE PRODUCTS BY UP TO $325,000 IN 2026 (REPRESENTING ESTIMATED REVENUES IN 2026) AND BY WHATEVER AMOUNTS ARE GENERATED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER THROUGH THE IMPOSITION OF NEW TAXES GENERATED TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF PARKLAND, MAINTENANCE OF PARKS, COMMUNITY HEALTH, WELLNESS, AND RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS, AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026, THERE SHALL BE A NEW SALES TAX OF NINETEEN CENTS PER CIGARETTE OR THREE DOLLARS AND EIGHTY CENTS PER PACK OF TWENTY CIGARETTES SOLD, PROVIDED THAT SUCH TAX SHALL INCREASE BY AN EQUAL AMOUNT ANNUALLY THEREAFTER FOR TWO YEARS UNTIL THE TAX IS TWENTY CENTS PER CIGARETTE OR FOUR DOLLARS PER PACK OF TWENTY CIGARETTES;

BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026, THERE SHALL BE A NEW SALES TAX OF 40% ON THE SALES PRICE OF ALL OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND CIGARETTE OR NICOTINE PRODUCTS;

THE TERMS “CIGARETTE OR NICOTINE PRODUCT” AND “TOBACCO PRODUCT” SHALL HAVE THE SAME MEANINGS AS THE SILT MUNICIPAL CODE;

AND THAT THE TOWN MAY COLLECT, RETAIN, AND EXPEND ALL OF THE REVENUES OF SUCH TAXES AND THE EARNINGS THEREON, NOTWITHSTANDING THE LIMITATION OF ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

Actual Historical And Current Estimated Fiscal Year Spending Information

		Fiscal Year Expenditures	$ Change	% Change
2021	Actual	2,677,817		
2022	Actual	3,830,035	1,152,218	43.03%
2023	Actual	4,338,961	508,926	13.29%
2024	Actual	5,434,852	1,095,891	25.26%
2025	Estimated	4,891,349	(543,503)	-10%
Overall Change from 2021-2025			2,213,532	82.66%

Estimate of the maximum dollar amount of the proposed tax increase for fiscal year 2026 (the first full year of the proposed tax increase)	325,000
Estimate of 2026 fiscal year spending without the proposed tax increase	5,040,476

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot question:
No comments were submitted by the constitutional deadline.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot question:
No comments were submitted by the constitutional deadline.

TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES

CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO
GARFIELD COUNTY, COLORADO

Election Date: Tuesday, November 4, 2025
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Mail Ballot Election - Coordinated Election with Garfield County

Deadline for Receipt of Ballots: Tuesday, November 4, 2025, 7:00 P.M.

Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:

Designated Election Official: Alexis Ramirez, City Clerk

Local Election Office Address and Phone Number:
Rifle City Hall
202 Railroad Avenue, Rifle CO 81650
(970) 665-6405

Coordinated Election Official: Jackie Harmon Clerk & Recorder
Address and Phone Number: 109 8th St, Suite 200
Glenwood Springs, CO 81601
(970) 384-3700

Ballot Title and Text:

BALLOT ISSUE (2B): CITY OF RIFLE NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES

SHALL THE CITY OF RIFLE'S TAXES BE INCREASED BY AN ESTIMATED $325,000 ANNUALLY FOR THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR (2026) AND BY SUCH AMOUNTS GENERATED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY INCREASING THE CITY'S LODGING TAX BY 3.0% ON THE LEASING OR RENTING OF ROOMS OR OTHER ACCOMMODATIONS IN LODGING WITHIN THE CITY FOR LESS THAN 30 DAYS FOR A TOTAL RATE OF 5.5% OF THE PRICE PAID OR CHARGED FOR SUCH LODGING IN THE CITY COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2026, WITH THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAX, TOGETHER WITH INVESTMENT EARNINGS THEREON USED PRIMARILY FOR VISITOR IMPROVEMENTS AND ATTRACTIONS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, SPECIAL EVENTS, BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS IN THE CITY, AND THE PROMOTION OF THE CITY AND ITS ENVIRONS,

AND SHALL SUCH REVENUES TO BE COLLECTED BY THE CITY CONSTITUTE A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE NOTWITHSTANDING ANY APPLICABLE REVENUE OR EXPENDITURE LIMITATION IMPOSED BY ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?"

Total City Fiscal Year Spending

Fiscal Year	
2025	$25,707,774
2024	$28,372,547
2023 (estimated)	$28,000,000
2022 (actual)	$26,076,346
2021 (actual)	$24,090,628

Overall percentage change from 2021 to 2025 6.71%

Overall dollar change from 2021 to 2025 $1,617,146

Proposed Tax Increase

City Estimate of the Maximum Dollar Amount
of the Proposed Tax Increase For Fiscal Year 2026
(the First Full Fiscal Year of the Proposed Tax Increase):

BALLOT ISSUE NO. (2B) : $ 325,000

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 2B:
No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 2B:
No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

To: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A CITIZEN PETITION

Confluence Early Childhood Development Service District:
Election Date: Tuesday, November 4, 2025
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:
Designated Election Official
Sheila Reiner
PO Box 774
Grand Junction, Colorado 81502
Telephone: (970) 210-0117

Ballot Title and Text:

PROPOSED CONFLUENCE EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT SERVICE DISTRICT BALLOT ISSUE 7A

SHALL TAXES IN THE PROPOSED CONFLUENCE EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT SERVICE DISTRICT BE INCREASED BY $12.1 MILLION ANNUALLY, AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS MAY BE RAISED THEREAFTER, TO FUND THE DISTRICT TO REDUCE THE COST OF AND PROVIDE MORE PRESCHOOL AND CHILDCARE FOR FAMILIES IN GARFIELD, PITKIN, AND SOUTHWESTERN EAGLE COUNTIES, AND IN CONNECTION THEREWITH:

ORGANIZING THE CONFLUENCE EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT SERVICE DISTRICT;

AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT TO COLLECT A .25% SALES AND USE TAX (EQUAL TO 25 CENTS ON A $100 PURCHASE) IN GARFIELD, PITKIN, AND SOUTHWESTERN EAGLE COUNTIES EFFECTIVE IN 2026, TO FUND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES INCLUDING:

- LOWERING FAMILIES' COST OF PRESCHOOL AND CHILDCARE; AND
- EXPANDING CAPACITY OF PRESCHOOL AND CHILDCARE FACILITIES SO MORE CHILDREN CAN ATTEND; AND
- INCREASING WAGES FOR PRESCHOOL AND CHILDCARE TEACHERS AND STAFF;

WITHOUT TAXING ITEMS EXCLUDED BY STATE LAW SUCH AS GROCERIES, GAS, DIAPERS AND MEDICINE;

REQUIRING AN ANNUAL AUDIT BY AN INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY; AND

AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND ALL DISTRICT REVENUE AS VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE?

YES/FOR_____ NO/AGAINST_____

Total District Prior Fiscal Years Spending:

2021	$0.00
2022	$0.00
2023	$0.00
2024	$0.00
2025	$0.00
Overall percentage change from 2021	0%
Overall dollar change	$0.00

Estimate of Maximum Dollar Amount of Increase of Fiscal Year Spending with the Proposed Tax Increase

Estimated first full fiscal year maximum dollar amount of increase: $12,100,000

Estimated first full fiscal year spending without the increase: $0.00.

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue 7A
Child care and preschool give kids the support they need to succeed in school and life. But these programs are too hard to find and too expensive to afford. You can change that - and give every child from Parachute to Aspen a strong start and a bright future - by voting YES on 7A.

Research shows that ninety percent (90%) of a child's brain develops by age five. Children with access to quality child care and preschool programs enter Kindergarten prepared to learn, start reading earlier, graduate high school at higher rates and go to college more often, setting them up for success by giving them more opportunities throughout school and life. It is the best investment we can make for our children and our community's future.

But right now, only 44% of kids under the age of 5 in our region have access to a licensed child care spot. Families that can find care are burdened by the expense. With an average cost of nearly $17,000 per year for full time programs, child care can be the largest expense a family faces each month, often costing more than housing or college tuition.

The most important thing that impacts a child's early learning experience is their teacher. In our region, child care and preschool teachers can barely afford to live in the communities they serve, with some making as little as $15 per hour.

These challenges are present in communities across our region, and ours is a regional economy. Workers regularly cross city and county boundaries as they travel between home and work. By partnering regionally to provide access to safe, reliable child care, parents can go to work and be productive in their jobs, helping local businesses and boosting our regional economy.

Measure 7A asks voters in Garfield, Pitkin and SW Eagle counties to approve a new early childhood service district and fund it with a modest sales tax increase, generating roughly $12 million per year to support local kids, families, and teachers and staff. Revenue will be used to:

- Reduce the cost of child care and preschool for families with kids from birth to age five,
- Build capacity to ensure more child care and preschool options are available in our region, and
- Support preschool and child care teachers and staff with wage increases.

This will be paid for with a 0.25% sales tax increase – just 25 pennies on a $100 purchase – with everyday necessities, like groceries, gas, medicine and diapers, excluded from the tax. It will be administered through a new service district – like a fire or transportation district – with an elected board and accountability provisions to ensure dollars are spent as intended.

Measure 7A was developed by local parents, children's advocates, educators and community leaders dedicated to making our region a great place to raise a family. Learn more at www.YesOn7A.com. Vote YES on 7A.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue 7A
No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS
NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE DEBT ON A REFERRED MEASURE

GRAND RIVER HOSPITAL DISTRICT
MESA AND GARFIELD COUNTIES, COLORADO

Election Date: Tuesday, November 4, 2025
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Address and Telephone Number for Local Election Offices:
Jessica Sanger
Designated Election Official
501 Airport Road
Rifle, Colorado 81650
Telephone: 970-625-1510

Ballot Title and Text:

GRAND RIVER HOSPITAL DISTRICT BALLOT ISSUE 7B

WITHOUT IMPOSING A NEW TAX, SHALL GRAND RIVER HOSPITAL DISTRICT, GARFIELD AND MESA COUNTIES, COLORADO DEBT BE INCREASED $65 MILLION, WITH A MAXIMUM TOTAL REPAYMENT COST OF NOT MORE THAN $153 MILLION FOR THE PURPOSES OF:

- CONSTRUCTING, FURNISHING, AND EQUIPPING A NEW MEDICAL CLINIC BUILDING TO EXPAND PHYSICAL THERAPY AND OTHER CLINIC SERVICES;
- REPURPOSING VACATED SPACE IN THE EXISTING MEDICAL BUILDING; AND
- COMPLETING CONSTRUCTION IN THE SURGICAL SUITE AREA TO ACCOMMODATE ROBOTIC AND ADVANCED TECHNOLOGICAL CAPABILITIES;

AND FOR ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING OR IMPROVING ANY CAPITAL ASSETS THAT THE DISTRICT IS AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO OWN; AND SHALL THE TAXES AUTHORIZED AT THE DISTRICT'S BOND ELECTION IN 2017 BE EXTENDED AND AUTHORIZED TO BE USED TO PAY THE DEBT AUTHORIZED AT THIS ELECTION IN ADDITION TO THE DEBT AUTHORIZED AT THE 2017 ELECTION; AND SHALL THE MILL LEVY BE IMPOSED IN ANY YEAR WITHOUT LIMITATION OF RATE BUT ONLY IN AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON SUCH DEBT OR ANY REFUNDING DEBT, OR

TO CREATE A RESERVE FOR SUCH PAYMENT; AND MAY SUCH DEBT BE EVIDENCED BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR OTHER MULTIPLE FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS, TO BE SOLD IN ONE SERIES OR MORE, FOR A PRICE ABOVE OR BELOW THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT THEREOF, ON TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AND WITH SUCH MATURITIES AS PERMITTED BY LAW AND AS THE DISTRICT MAY DETERMINE?

Total Entity Fiscal Year Spending

Fiscal Year	
2025 (estimated)	$136,326,996
2024 (actual)	$141,700,440
2023 (actual)	$117,411,631
2022 (actual)	$ 95,734,940
2021 (actual)	$ 96,955,539

Overall percentage change from 2021 to 2025: 40.60%
Overall dollar change from 2021 to 2025: $39,371,457

Information on District's Proposed Debt

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 7B:

Principal Amount of Proposed Bonds:	Not to exceed $65,000,000
Maximum Annual District Repayment Cost:	Not to exceed $11,950,000
Total District Repayment Cost:	Not to exceed $153,000,000

Information on District's Current Debt*

Principal Amount Outstanding Debt:	$70,110,000
Maximum Annual Repayment Cost:	$7,572,738
Remaining Total Repayment Cost:	$90,844,405

* Excluded from debt are enterprise and annual appropriation obligations.

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue No. 7B:
Issue 7B will allow Grand River Health to address its highest priority facility needs, WITHOUT a new tax.

Our community is growing, and so are the demands on our local hospital. Some patients are waiting up to six weeks for physical therapy and two months for mental health services. The current facilities can't keep up.

Issue 7B will allow Grand River Health to make critical improvements, including:

- Building a new 3-story medical clinic on the Rifle campus;
- Expanding space for physical therapy and other clinical services;
- Increasing access to primary care and mental health services by repurposing existing space;
- Expanding emergency department capacity;
- Completing the shelled surgical space;
- Upgrading the hospital kitchen to better serve patients and support Meals on Wheels

A YES vote on Issue 7B will provide many benefits, including:

- Keeping care close to home;
- Reducing wait times for appointments;
- Expanding access to physical therapy and other clinical services;
- Making room for additional healthcare providers;
- Further strengthening our local economy by adding new jobs;
- Doing all of this WITHOUT a new tax

Acting now also helps avoid rising construction costs due to inflation.

Issue 7B is a practical, fiscally responsible solution to meet the healthcare needs of residents in Rifle, Silt, Parachute, and surrounding areas.

It makes sense to Vote YES on Issue 7B - a plan that will expand access to care without a new tax.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue No. 7B:
No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS
NOTICE OF ELECTION
ON A REFERRED MEASURE
COLORADO MOUNTAIN COLLEGE
CHAFFEE, EAGLE, FREMONT, GARFIELD, LAKE, PITKIN, ROUTT AND SUMMIT COUNTIES, COLORADO

Election Date: Tuesday, November 4, 2025
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:
Julie Hanson, Designated Election Official
802 Grand Avenue
Glenwood Springs, CO 81601
Telephone: 970-947-8402

Ballot Title and Text:

COLORADO MOUNTAIN COLLEGE BALLOT ISSUE 7 C

WITHOUT IMPOSING ANY NEW TAX AND WITHOUT EXCEEDING THE LIMIT APPROVED BY VOTERS IN 2018, SHALL COLORADO MOUNTAIN COLLEGE WAIVE THE 5.25% PROPERTY TAX LIMIT FOR A PERIOD OF TEN YEARS FOR INVESTMENT IN:

- EXPANDING SKILLED TRADES, INCLUDING AUTOMOTIVE, WELDING, AND CONSTRUCTION;
- TRAINING NURSES, FIREFIGHTERS, AND FIRST RESPONDERS;
- HOUSING SOLUTIONS TO RETAIN LOCAL TALENT;

AND SHALL THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAXES AND INVESTMENT INCOME THEREON BE COLLECTED AND SPENT BY THE DISTRICT AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue No. 7C:
Vote Yes on 7C

- Colorado Mountain College (CMC) is one of our region's most important assets - providing affordable education, training our workforce, and supporting our mountain economies.

- Ballot Measure 7C is not a new tax. It simply restores the authority more than two-thirds of voters approved in 2018, ensuring CMC can continue delivering high- quality programs that meet local needs. But what many may not know is that the CMC Board of Trustees chose to collect only what was necessary to operate successfully, and because of this fiscally conservative decision, CMC did not collect over $50 million in voter approved tax revenue.

- CMC's Board of Trustees has demonstrated integrity and leadership, and has earned trust and national recognition for its leadership. When revenues surged unexpectedly, CMC voluntarily refunded nearly $50 million in property taxes to residents and businesses - the largest refund of its kind in Colorado - because it was the right thing to do.
- Unfortunately, legislation passed in 2024 took away CMC's ability to use that funding in the future. In other words, CMC's "good deed" of returning money to taxpayers ended up limiting its ability to respond when those funds are needed. That's why Ballot Issue 7C is so important. It doesn't raise new taxes - it simply re-authorizes the funding voters already approved in 2018.
- CMC plays a unique and vital role in our region. Passage of 7C will allow CMC to expand training in skilled trades, first responder preparation, and health care - fields where rural Colorado faces ongoing shortages. CMC is the largest, and in many areas the only provider of skilled trades and first responder training in the central mountains, making this measure an investment in safety, economic vitality, and community well-being.
- CMC has a long track record of partnership with local schools, governments, and employers. Today, 40% of CMC enrollments are high school students earning free certificates and degrees that prepare them for good jobs here at home. With 7C, these opportunities will grow, particularly in areas vital to our local workforce. Another fact not widely known is that nearly half of CMC's students are still in high school, taking college classes tuition-free through "dual enrollment." Many of these young people are preparing for critical careers in nursing, firefighting, law enforcement, and the skilled trades - fields where we need them most.
- A "Yes" vote on 7C strengthens education, workforce readiness, and the economic health of our mountain communities - without creating a new tax.
- 7C will allow this important work to continue and grow. Supporting CMC means supporting our students, our workforce, and our local communities.

Vote Yes on 7C - for students, for jobs, for the future of our mountain towns.

Vote Yes on 7C to strengthen education, expand career pathways, and support economic health of our mountain communities – without raising taxes.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue No. 7C:
No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

CARBONDALE AND RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE AND NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE DEBT AND INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE

Election Date and Hours: November 4, 2025, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Designated Election Official:
Sarah E. E. Shepherd, District Manager
1100 W. Littleton Blvd. #101, Littleton CO 80120
Telephone: (303) 482-1002
info@ccrider.us

Ballot Title and Text:

CARBONDALE AND RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BALLOT ISSUE #7D:

SALES TAX

SHALL CARBONDALE & RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT'S TAXES BE INCREASED BY $4,300,000 (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR DOLLAR INCREASE), AND BY WHATEVER AMOUNTS ARE COLLECTED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, FROM A 1.50 PERCENT SALES TAX COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2026, WITH THE REVENUE BEING USED TO REDUCE THE FINANCIAL IMPACTS OF NEW DEVELOPMENT ON EXISTING PROPERTY OWNERS BY SHARING THE COST OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES WITH BUSINESS PATRONS LIVING OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT, TO OFFSET THE SIGNIFICANT REVENUE THE DISTRICT HAS LOST FROM THE CONTINUAL REDUCTION IN PROPERTY ASSESSMENT RATES, TO MAINTAIN EMERGENCY RESPONDER STAFFING IN THE FIRE STATIONS AND FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION, AND TO FUND SCHEDULED CAPITAL REPLACEMENTS, SUCH SALES TAX TO BE IN ADDITION TO ALL OTHER TAXES THE DISTRICT LEVIES, AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN, AND SPEND ALL REVENUE GENERATED BY SUCH TAX THAT EXCEEDS THE LIMITATIONS IN SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITATIONS IN SECTION 29-1-301 OF THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES, AND ANY OTHER LAW?

YES/FOR_____ NO/AGAINST_____

CARBONDALE AND RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BALLOT ISSUE #7E:

GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

SHALL CARBONDALE AND RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT DEBT BE INCREASED $30 MILLION, WITH A MAXIMUM REPAYMENT COST UP TO $61.7 MILLION, AND SHALL DISTRICT PROPERTY TAXES BE

INCREASED UP TO $2.8 MILLION ANNUALLY FOR FIRE PROTECTION, EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE, RESCUE, SAFETY, AND SUPPORT SERVICES, INCLUDING:

(I) CONSTRUCTING WORKFORCE HOUSING IN THE DISTRICT FOR VOLUNTEER AND CAREER EMERGENCY RESPONDERS; AND

(II) CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPPING A NEW FIRE STATION AND IMPROVING OTHER STATIONS IN THE NORTH AND SOUTH PORTIONS OF THE DISTRICT TO MEET INCREASING DEMAND FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE;

SUCH DEBT TO CONSIST OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS WHICH SHALL BEAR INTEREST AT A MAXIMUM NET EFFECTIVE INTEREST RATE NOT TO EXCEED 5.85% PER ANNUM AND BE ISSUED AT SUCH TIMES AND PRICES (AT, ABOVE OR BELOW PAR) AND IN SUCH MANNER AND CONTAINING SUCH TERMS, NOT INCONSISTENT HEREWITH, AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY DETERMINE; SHALL AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES BE LEVIED WITHOUT LIMIT AS TO THE MILL RATE TO GENERATE AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT IN EACH YEAR TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL, PREMIUM IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON SUCH BONDS; AND SHALL ANY EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT OF THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAXES AND BONDS CONSTITUTE A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE?

YES/FOR_____ NO/AGAINST_____

FISCAL INFORMATION

Actual Historical and Current Estimated Fiscal Year Spending

Year	Fiscal Year Spending
2025 (estimated)	$ 9,943,087
2024 (actual)	$ 8,723,727
2023 (actual)	$ 7,418,764
2022 (actual)	$ 7,494,471
2021 (actual)	$ 9,247,185

Overall percentage change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2021 to 2025:	7.5%
Overall dollar change in fiscal year spending over the five-year period from 2021 through 2025:	$ 695,902

Proposed District Sales Tax Increase (BALLOT ISSUE #7D)

Estimated maximum dollar amount of proposed tax increase in first full fiscal year:	$ 4,300,000
Estimated first full fiscal year spending without the tax increase:	$ 9,760,554

Proposed District Property Tax Increase (BALLOT ISSUE #7E)

Estimated maximum dollar amount of proposed tax increase in first full fiscal year:	$ 2,800,000
Estimated first full fiscal year spending without the tax increase:	$ 9,760,554

Proposed District Bonded Debt (BALLOT ISSUE #7E)

Proposed Principal Amount:	$ 30,000,000
Maximum Annual Repayment Cost:	$ 2,800,000
Total Repayment Cost:	$ 61,700,000

Current District Bonded Debt

Principal Amount Outstanding:	$ 7,500,000
Maximum Annual Repayment Cost:	$ 585,425
Total Repayment Cost:	$ 10,921,738

Summary of Written Comments For Issue #7D:

If passed, this funding will be utilized to support emergency services, personnel, and facilities to save lives and property in the Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District (CRFPD). CRFPD serves everyone by directly protecting their lives and property or indirectly for those driving through the District on Hwy 82, Hwy 133 and the surrounding areas. Emergency services operate in minutes and seconds but when resources are inadequate you and your family are at risk. This funding will ensure the District can maintain adequate staffing levels, keep equipment operational, and procure additional equipment, supplies, and training for firefighters to mitigate emergency calls effectively and efficiently.

Training firefighters and Paramedics is an ongoing challenge since most training opportunities are on the Front Range and involve considerable costs for travel and lodging. This funding will allow the District to continue to build and strengthen its partnerships with Colorado Mountain College (CMC) and the Roaring Fork School District (RFSD} to keep providing training and continuing education not only to current responders but, ensuring that future generations of responders are ready for a career in public service.

With increasing fire hazards in the rural and suburban parts of our counties, it is critical that CRFPD continues to invest in fire protection, management, wildfire mitigation and emergency response. Recent catastrophic fires in the western US and Hawaiian Islands underscore the need for staffing, training and preparation to deal with unprecedented hazards and unimaginable losses in life and property.

A yes on Ballot question 7D will Provide for increased staffing and equipment improvements in the Fire District. Additionally, passage of 7D will provide funding for emergency apparatus/vehicle replacement on a prudent and regular schedule. Ensuring that firefighters and Paramedics are able to respond on up-to-date, modern and safe equipment is one of the highest priorities at CRFPD. Finally, a Yes on 7D will provide proper funding for CRFPD’s emergency reserves and enable CRFPD to continue to be a fiscally sustainable public safety organization.

Summary of Written Comments Against Issue #7D:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Summary of Written Comments For Issue #7E:

A YES vote on ballot question 7E will allow the Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District (CRFPD) to recruit and retain the highest quality people to serve as firefighters and Paramedics to the communities in which they live. Workforce Housing is a vital component in CRFPD’s ability to continue to provide the highest level of care in the District. Workforce housing constructed in four strategic areas of the District, Marble, Redstone, Carbondale and Missouri Heights will enable volunteers and career responders to not only live in the communities that they serve but, will also provide the ability for them to have families and one day, save enough to purchase a home in the Valley. CRFPD’s ability to support our people in this way is one of the most powerful tools CRFPD has to eliminate employee “Churn” and keep excellent responders here for the long-term. Without this, CRFPD will inevitably begin to look like many other fire departments that have high rates of employee and volunteer turnover.

Voting YES on 7E will also allow CRFPD to replace and upgrade stations that do not meet the standards for safety, responder health and emergency response. Specifically, revenue from a Yes on 7E will allow CRFPD to build a new fire station in the Redstone area of the Crystal River Valley. The current station is 50 years old and has outlived is operational lifespan. A new fire station with rapid access to Hwy 133 will allow CRFPD to implement part of the Strategic Plan for emergency response which includes crew quarters at this station for 24/7 responders in the near future. This new station is a very important piece of ensuring CRFPD's ability to continue to respond to the ever increasing calls for service in the Crystal River Valley.

A Yes on 7E will also provide funding to improve CRFPD's 24/7 responder quarters, training and education facilities and fire prevention division programs in Carbondale. Updating responder crew facilities to meet NFPA health, safety and alerting standards is particularly important to CRFPD's ability to ensure that emergency responders have the best facility and equipment possible to stay healthy, both physically and mentally.

Summary of Written Comments Against Issue #7E:
No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Jacklyn K Harmon

Certification:
Pursuant to C.R.S 1-7-905: I, Jacklyn K Harmon, Garfield County Clerk & Recorder hereby certify that the above ballot issue notices are complete as submitted by the political subdivisions. The information contained in this notice was prepared by persons required by law to provide ballot issue content, fiscal information, and a summary of pro and con statements submitted to the political subdivision.

Jacklyn K Harmon, Garfield County Clerk