

HISTORY OF CLACKAMAS FIRE DISTRICT



1976

Clackamas Fire District #1 formed in 1976 through a merger between the former Milwaukie Fire Protection District #56 and Multnomah County Fire District #12

1988

Happy Valley Fire District #65, Clackamas Fire District #71, and Clackamas Fire District #54 merge with Clackamas Fire District to consolidate and enhance services

1990s

Clackamas Fire District grows to include territories of Beaver Creek Fire District #55, Oak Lodge Fire District #51 and Clarkes Fire District #68

2005

Clackamas Fire District holds successful elections to merge the territories of the Cities of Milwaukie and Oregon City into its district boundaries

2016

After several years of contracted services, voters approve merging Boring Fire District #59 into Clackamas Fire District

2025

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HISTORY OF SANDY FIRE DISTRICT



1912

While the earliest record of Sandy Fire is from 1912, the Sandy Fire District was formally established in the 1930s when the City purchased a Ford Model T chemical truck.

1940s

The Rural Fire Commission procures a fire truck in 1940, which serves until 1973. In 1941, volunteers build a 350-gallon water tank truck, used until 1973 & later sold to OMSI.

1961

Reorganizes as the Sandy Rural Fire Protection District No. 72, while the Sandy Rural Fire Commission continues running ambulance service as a non-profit until 1974.

1960s

The original Sandy Fire Station is built over six years from 1963 to 1969, costing \$24,000. In 1981, the station undergoes a major renovation.

2016

In 2016, the main station began a seismic renovation and remodel to expand office space, bunk rooms, and accommodate future growth.

2025

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TIMELINE FOR POTENTIAL ANNEXATION

MAY - JUNE 2025

- Community engagement through open houses and public feedback
- Evaluating options and elected Board decision-making process

AUGUST - NOVEMBER 2025

- Community engagement and education around next steps, including possible ballot measure
- Engagement with local partners

JAN - APRIL 2025

- Collaboration between agencies to evaluate & understand options
- Public surveys to determine priorities and community support

JUNE - JULY 2025

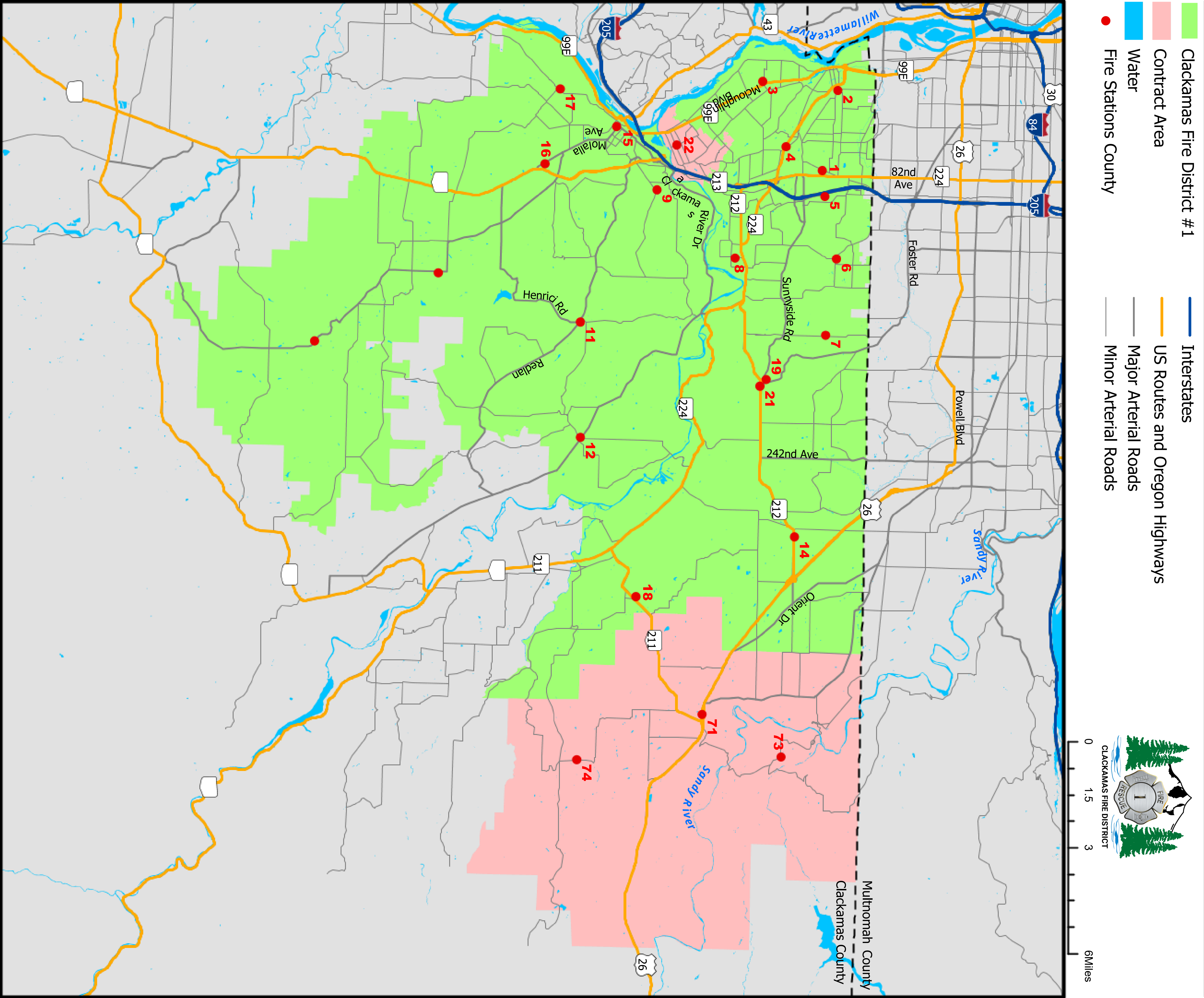
- If an annexation measure is pursued, draft ballot language
- Sandy Fire Commissioners vote on referring any measure to voters

NOVEMBER 2025

- If measure is referred, election to be held in November 2025

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FIRE DISTRICT AND CONTRACT AREA OVERVIEW



OPINIONS ON FIRE SERVICES IN SANDY

DHM Research conducted a public survey of Sandy Fire District residents in March 2025 to learn more about community priorities around fire services and potential annexation into Clackamas Fire



- ▶ 88% of respondents are worried about wildfires, which are becoming more frequent and severe
- ▶ 82% believe we need the best-resourced and most skilled fire services to respond to wildfires
- ▶ 84% prioritize fire and emergency response times, wildfire safety readiness, and making strategic investments in personnel and equipment deployed to high-wildfire risk areas
- ▶ 84% trust the opinions of local firefighters serving on the front lines
- ▶ 80% support annexation into Clackamas Fire

WHY IS SANDY CONSIDERING ANNEXATION?



- ▶ As a standalone district, Sandy Fire does not have any personnel and it relies on the contract with Clackamas Fire to provide firefighting services
- ▶ The rising cost of insurance, fuel, maintenance, payroll, and other critical expenditures, along with the growing threat of wildfires in our community will increase costs for contract services.
- ▶ Annexation would provide Sandy with the same level of service as all Clackamas Fire residents, including more efficient vehicles for rural response and hard to reach areas, while ensuring stable, long-term fire and emergency response



BENEFITS OF ANNEXATION



- ▶ Stable and predicable funding for services and personnel as part of a single, combined district instead of relying on short term contracts
- ▶ Improved ability to deploy advanced equipment and professionally trained firefighters in areas at high risk of wildfire
- ▶ Ensures Sandy residents will receive the same enhanced service levels as the rest of Clackamas Fire District
- ▶ Increased rescue coverage to 24 hours/day (currently 12 hours/day)
- ▶ Enhanced rural resources, with specialized equipment for accessing remote areas not covered under Sandy Fire District's current contract
- ▶ Better overall coordination of emergency response under a single district

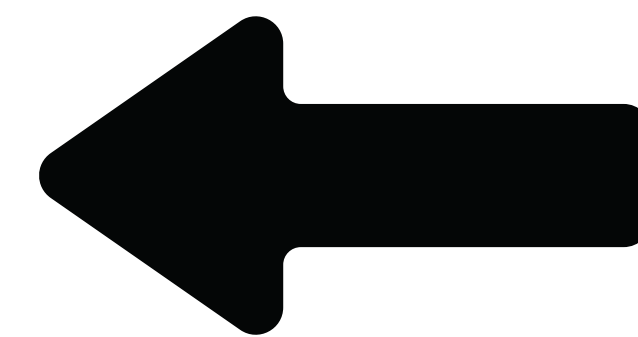


WHAT WOULD ANNEXATION COST?

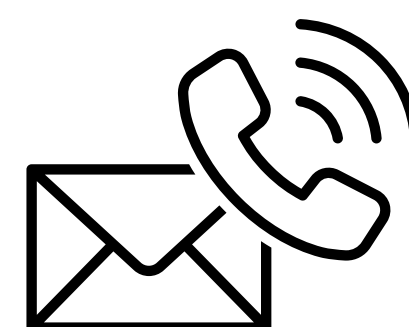
- ▶ Sandy residents would pay the same base amount as those who live within Clackamas Fire boundaries, which is \$2.40/\$1,000 of assessed property value
- ▶ The average Sandy homeowner would see an estimated increase of less than \$5 per month following annexation
- ▶ Sandy residents would not be required to pay the current Clackamas Fire levy (\$0.52/\$1,000), which was passed in 2023 and expires in 2028. After annexation, Sandy residents would be able to vote on measures referred to the ballot by Clackamas Fire.



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