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**Adams County Fire District #5 commissioners to consider
annexation resolution Nov. 10**

Public invited as Board considers proposed Othello annexation

OTHELLO, Wash. — The Adams County Fire District #5 Board of Fire Commissioners will consider a resolution regarding the proposed annexation of the City of Othello into the Fire District at its Tuesday, Nov. 10 meeting. The action follows the Othello City Council's Oct. 12 approval of an ordinance to move forward with the proposal.

The Fire District currently provides fire and rescue services to Othello through a contract with the City. The current agreement expires in 2027, and both agencies have been discussing annexation as a long-term approach to providing and funding those services.

Under annexation, Othello property owners would pay the same fire levy rate directly to the Fire District as property owners elsewhere in the district. The Fire District's current levy rate is \$0.90 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

“Our firefighters serve residents throughout the Fire District and the City of Othello, regardless of jurisdictional boundaries,” said Fire Chief Tom Salsbury. “We’re working together to establish a long-term approach to funding these services.”

The Board of Fire Commissioners will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 220 S. Broadway Ave. in Othello. The meeting is open to the public, and residents are encouraged to attend.

The City and Fire District are working toward placing an annexation measure on the April 2027 ballot. Annexation would require approval by voters in both the City of Othello and Adams County Fire District #5 before taking effect.

For more information, visit www.acfd5.com/annexation or call 509-488-2951.

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Adams County Fire District #5 provides fire protection, rescue services, and assistance on emergency medical calls to approximately 7,600 residents across 215 square miles of unincorporated Adams County. The district also serves approximately 9,560 residents in the City of Othello through a contract for fire and rescue services. The district is staffed by five career firefighters and 31 volunteer emergency personnel.