

## **Fishers Fire District LOSAP Referendum – Voter FAQ**

### **What is LOSAP?**

LOSAP or “Length Of Service Award Program” is a retirement-style benefit program created to reward volunteer firefighters for years of service.

- Volunteers earn credit toward retirement benefits for each year of qualified service.
- The program is funded by taxpayer contributions and managed by the fire district for which the volunteers serve
- Funds are held in trust for the benefit of the volunteers and can only be distributed according to law.

### **Why is there a referendum?**

On August 18, 2025, the Fishers Fire District voted to dissolve, ending operations as of October 1, 2025, and winding down District affairs thereafter.

Because the Fishers Fire District will soon no longer exist, it cannot continue to fund or manage the LOSAP for its volunteer firefighters.

State law requires a public referendum to decide how to lawfully close the program and distribute the remaining funds.

### **What does a “YES” vote mean?**

✔ A “YES” vote means:

- The LOSAP program will be abolished.
- Eligible volunteers will receive one-time lump sum payments for the value of their earned benefits.
- The program will be closed permanently, with no future costs or obligations.
- This provides a lawful, final resolution following the District’s dissolution.

### **What does a “NO” vote mean?**

⊘ A “NO” vote means:

- The LOSAP program would technically remain, but there would be no entity legally able to manage or pay benefits.
- The LOSAP funds would remain frozen and inaccessible until future legal or legislative action.
- Volunteers would not receive their lump sum payments until the issue is resolved.

### **Key Facts**

- The Fishers Fire District no longer exists — LOSAP cannot continue.
- A “YES” vote ends the program and allows payments to volunteers.

- A "NO" vote delays any distribution of funds. All earned benefits are protected by law and will be paid once a lawful resolution is approved.

### **Referendum Details**

Date: Friday, December 5, 2025

Voting Location: Victor Town Hall Main Meeting Room, 85 E. Main St., Victor

Hours: 3:00 PM -7:00 PM

***Who Can Vote: Only registered voters residing within the former Fishers Fire District boundaries.***

### **Questions?**

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