

# CITY OF FAIRVIEW

## Measure 26-147

### BALLOT TITLE

#### CHARTER AMENDMENT REQUIRING RECORD OF ALL VOTES IN COUNCIL MINUTES

**QUESTION:** Shall Fairview amend the Charter to require that the vote of each Council member be entered into the meeting minutes?

**SUMMARY:** The Oregon Constitution gives City voters the right to adopt and amend home rule charters. Fairview voters adopted the current charter in 1992. The current charter requires the City council to adopt rules of procedure to govern its meetings and proceedings. The current charter also requires the record of Council proceedings to reflect the aye and nay votes of Council members on proposed ordinances. In addition to adopting ordinances, the Council takes action by adopting motions, resolutions and orders. This measure would amend the Charter to require the Council to include in its rules of procedure a requirement that the vote of each member on any issue or matter voted on by the Council be entered into the Council minutes. The City's Charter Review Commission recommended this amendment, which was referred to the voters by the Council. If approved, the amendment would take effect January 1, 2013.

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Oregon Constitution gives City voters the right to adopt and amend home rule charters. Fairview voters adopted the current charter in 1992.

The Fairview City Council formed an impartial Charter Review Committee comprised of citizens of the City to evaluate the existing charter and to determine if the charter should be updated or changed. The Charter Review Committee determined that changes to the charter were warranted and prepared draft amendments to the existing charter for review by City Council. The City Council concurred with the recommendation of the Charter Review Committee and referred this measure to city voters for approval or rejection.

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If approved by the voters, the Charter amendment would take effect January 1, 2013.

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No arguments FOR or AGAINST this measure were filed.