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Notice of Measure Election

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City

Notice <i>Referred to the People by the City Council.</i>		
Date of Notice 07/11/2019	Name of City or Cities City of Portland	Date of Election November 5, 2019

Final Ballot Title The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the city's voters. The ballot title notice has been published and the ballot title challenge process has been completed.

Caption 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure.

See attached

Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.

See attached

Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.

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Explanatory Statement 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect.

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→ any measure referred by the city governing body; or

→ any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.

Explanatory Statement Attached? Yes No

Authorized City Official Not required to be notarized.

Name Deborah Scroggin	Title City Elections Officer
Mailing Address 1221 SW 4th Ave. Rm 130 Portland OR 97204	Contact Phone 503-823-3546

By signing this document:

→ I hereby state that I am authorized by the city to submit this Notice of Measure Election; and

→ I certify that notice of receipt of ballot title has been published and the ballot title challenge process for this measure completed.

Deborah Scroggin
Signature

7/11/19
Date Signed

BALLOT TITLE

CAPTION:

Amends Charter: Increases protections for Bull Run Watershed.

QUESTION:

Shall Charter be amended to increase Bull Run Watershed protections by restricting access, regulating allowed activities and limiting land uses?

SUMMARY:

The measure adds a new Charter section establishing protections for City lands within the Bull Run Watershed Closure Area, the location of the City's primary drinking water source and hydroelectric facilities. The Charter currently does not protect the Bull Run Watershed. The measure will codify watershed protections in the Charter and, if passed, the protections may only be removed by an affirmative vote of Portlanders.

Protections include:

- Public access restrictions
- Tree-cutting prohibitions
- Land use and activity limits
- Drinking water or hydroelectric projects must avoid and then mitigate impacts to the natural environment

The Bull Run Watershed Closure Area includes the Bull Run Watershed Management Unit— which is jointly managed by the City and the United States Forest Service— and additional land to the west which is managed exclusively by the City. The Bull Run Watershed Closure Area is managed to provide high-quality drinking water for the Portland metropolitan area.

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Joint County Voters' Pamphlet Measure Explanatory Statement

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Filing Information

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Ballot Title Caption

Amends Charter: Increases protections for Bull Run Watershed

Name of Person responsible for content of 'Explanatory Statement' (as it should appear in the Voters' Pamphlet):

Commissioner Amanda Fritz

Name of Jurisdiction/Organization the Person is authorized to represent (as it should appear in the Voters' Pamphlet):

City of Portland

Contact Information:

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Signature



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Signature of person responsible for the content of "Explanatory Statement"

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Explanatory Statement

See attached for "Measure Explanatory Statement" (500 word/number MAX)

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Signed? Yes No

Explanatory Statement attached? Yes No

Intake Staff Initials: _____

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Portland City Council unanimously approved a resolution referring a City Charter amendment to increase protections for the Bull Run Watershed to the Portland voters for the November 5, 2019 ballot. The resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Amanda Fritz, as the Commissioner-in-Charge of the Portland Water Bureau.

If passed, the proposed amendment would add environmental and land-use limitations for the Bull Run Watershed – Portland’s primary drinking water source – to the City Charter. The proposed limitations currently exist in City Code, but those limitations can be amended or removed by City Council. The current Charter does not reference the Bull Run Watershed. Because the City Charter can only be amended by Portland voters in an election, the proposed amendment would provide long-term conservation of the Watershed unless Portland voters decide to change the limitations in the future.

The current provisions in City Code proposed to be added to the City Charter would:

- prohibit the public from entering the watershed, with specified exceptions;
- prohibit tree cutting for any purpose not related to the City’s drinking water or hydroelectric systems; and
- prohibit transferring City-owned lands or infrastructure to private business or organizations.

If the amendment is not passed, the environmental and land-use limitations for the Bull Run Watershed would continue to exist exclusively in City Code and would be subject to amendment by the City Council.

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