

Notice of Measure Election

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Notice

Date of Notice

July 28, 2020

Name of City or Cities

City of Troutdale

Date of Election

November 3, 2020

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.

See Attached

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

If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be drafted and attached to this form for:

- 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.

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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.

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Signature

Date Signed

Measure No. ~~26~~ 212

Ballot Title:

A. Caption (10 words allowed, 10 total)

Amends charter: city councilor candidates run against all councilor candidates

B. Question (20 words allowed, 18 total)

Shall Troutdale Charter require election of councilors from one group of all candidates, each running against all others?

C. Summary (175 words allowed, 173 total)

This measure would amend City Charter, changing the election process for city councilors. Three councilor positions are filled each general election, for four year terms. Occasionally two year terms are also filled.

Measure requires candidates to run against all other candidates in one group. Voters cast one vote per open position, maximum one vote per candidate. Three candidates receiving most votes win election to four year terms. Any two year terms are filled with candidate(s) receiving next highest numbers of votes.

Current process requires candidates to run for a particular position. Sometimes a candidate runs unopposed, sometimes a new candidate runs against an incumbent, and sometimes a group runs for a particular position.

The Oregon Constitution gives city voters the right to adopt, amend and revise their city charter and the structure of their city government. Troutdale charter grants legal authority to City and assigns duties and responsibilities to city officers. Troutdale voters adopted the current charter in 1994, and have amended it several times.

The measure would affect elections after November 2020.

Measure No. ~~26-212~~ Explanatory Statement

The Oregon Constitution gives city voters the right to adopt, amend, and revise the City Charter. Troutdale voters adopted the current City Charter in 1994. It has been amended several times since then.

Under current processes, City Councilor positions are numbered. Three of the six City Councilor positions are filled each general election (November of even numbered years). At the same time, any two-year partial terms that result from councilors having been appointed to fill vacancies, are filled. These provisions will not be changed by the proposed measure, and are in Charter sections 9, 10, 13 and 24.

Under the current process that this proposed measure would change, candidates must file for a particular numbered Councilor position, sometimes running against an incumbent, sometimes unopposed, and sometimes against other candidate(s) for that specific position.

This proposed measure would amend the current City Charter Chapter VI Elections, section 23 to read as follows:

Section 23. ELECTIONS: Both state and local law govern the conduct of city elections. Candidates for City Councilor positions shall not run for specific positions, but all candidates shall run against all others. Electors may cast the number of votes that is equal to the number of positions to be filled, but only one per candidate. The three candidates receiving the greatest numbers of votes shall be elected to fill the three open, full-term positions in each general election. Then, any positions for two year terms shall be filled with the candidates receiving the next greatest numbers of votes, in decreasing order, until all positions are filled.

This measure would change the election process for city councilors and insert language that all candidates shall run against all other candidates in one group. Those candidates receiving the most votes win election. Ordinarily, the top three will be elected, but on occasion, due to vacancies filled by appointment, the top four or more candidates may be elected from the group.

Electors may cast one vote for any candidate, up to the total number of positions to be filled. Those candidates receiving the greatest number of votes win the full four year terms, and if shorter terms are filled, the candidates receiving the next-greatest number will be elected for the remaining two years of a term.

The City Council sought review of this type of election process (sometimes called "top three") from the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). The CAC opposed referral of a proposal such as this, after an open public meeting and public feedback.

The City Council adopted this Explanatory Statement, but has taken no position favoring nor opposing this proposed measure.