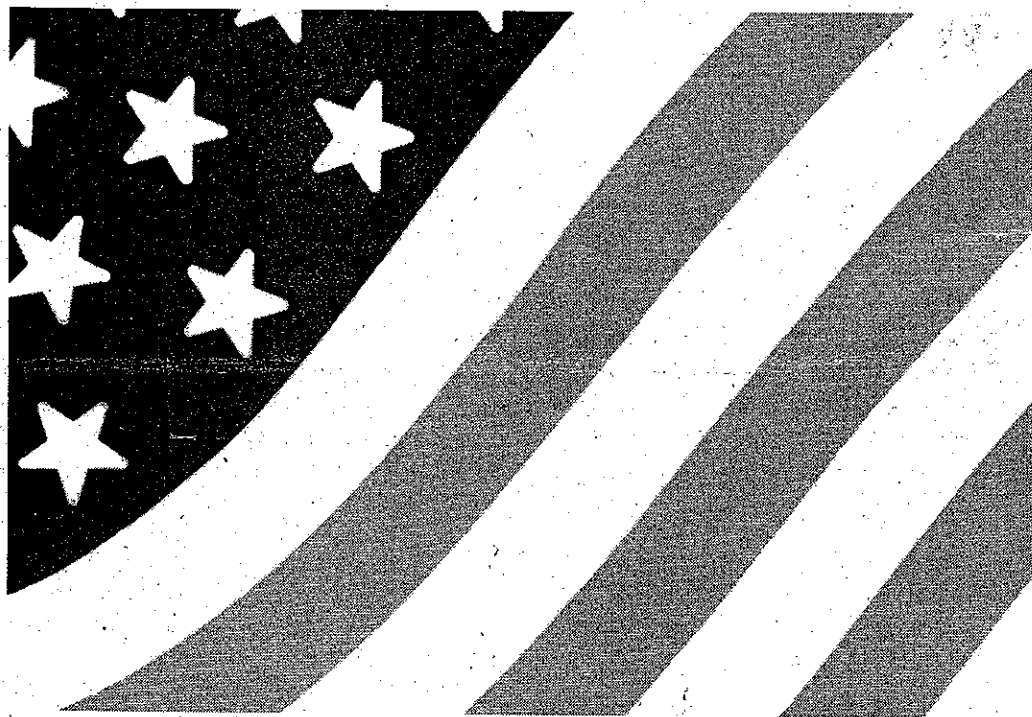


MULTNOMAH COUNTY VOTERS' PAMPHLET



VOTE-BY-MAIL ELECTION - MAY 20, 1997

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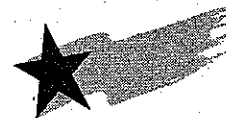
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- Voted Ballots **MUST** be received by **8:00 P.M. May 20th to be counted.**
- If you have any questions about voting or getting a replacement ballot, call: 248-3720.

Vicki K. Ervin, Director of Elections

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CITY OF TROUTDALE

Measure No. 26-56

BALLOT TITLE

GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND AUTHORIZATION

QUESTION: Shall the City be authorized to contract a general obligation bonded indebtedness in an amount not to exceed \$16,000,000? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of Section 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

SUMMARY: This measure authorizes the City to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$16,000,000. The bonds would mature over a period not to exceed 25 years. Bond proceeds will be used to acquire property (2%), construct a new sewage treatment plant (96%), and construct a laboratory/administrative building (2%). Taxes levied to pay bond principal and interest would also be outside the limitation imposed by Section 11g, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Troutdale City Council has referred to the voters a proposed \$16 million general obligation bond to construct a new sewage treatment plant.

BACKGROUND

The City's sewage treatment plant was originally built in 1969 and currently has the capacity to treat about 1.6 million gallons of sewage each day. Our residential and business uses in Troutdale now generate about 1.4 million gallons of sewage daily. We expect increases over the next twenty years to grow to about 3 million gallons a day. The City must increase its sewage treatment capacity.

OPTIONS

Faced with the need to create additional sewage treatment capacity, the City, in partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, examined a range of alternatives. These two seemed to best meet the community's needs:

Option No. 1—Expand the existing treatment plant at its current location in the downtown business district next to the Columbia Gorge Factory Stores, or

Option No. 2—Dismantle the existing plant and construct a new one away from the downtown business area.

Either would adequately treat the projected volumes of sewage.

Under Option No. 1, the existing plant would be expanded at a cost of approximately \$10 million. This amount would be repaid from system development charges on new sewage users and increases in sewer rates. This option would meet the City's sewage capacity needs.

Under Option No. 2, a new plant would be constructed at a cost of approximately \$18 million. The proposed location of the new plant is just northeast of the Troutdale Airport. This option would also meet the City's sewage capacity needs.

FUNDING

The proposed general obligation bond would raise \$16 million, which, when added to \$2 million of other City funds, would enable the City to implement Option No. 2. If the bond is approved by the voters, the City would purchase land for a new plant, design and construct a 3 million gallon per day sewage treatment facility and dismantle the existing plant. About 26% of the debt would be repaid from increases in sewer rates, about 39% from system development charges on new sewage users and about 35% from property taxes. The property tax rate is projected to be approximately \$.68 per \$1,000, or \$89 per year for a house assessed at \$130,000. Sewer rates would increase from \$18.75 per equivalent residential unit to \$20.75 the first year, and up to \$24.75 the third year.

Submitted by
George Martinez
City Recorder

No arguments AGAINST this measure were filed.

CITY OF TROUTDALE

Measure No. 26-56**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR****Greetings to Registered Voters**

Troutdale voters showed their civic pride on March 11 when they voted 58% to 42% to rid downtown Troutdale of the sight and smell of the city's sewer treatment plant. Sadly, due to the double requirement of Measure 47, the election didn't count because less than 50% of the registered voters voted. However, it was heart-warming to know that Troutdale voters really cared about the livability of their city and wanted to make a difference!

Now, the challenge to all of us is to get out the vote for the May 20 election. I feel sure the voters who were missing in March will feel their "Troutdale Pride" and help transform our downtown into one of the most beautiful civic centers anywhere! The voters will again realize that moving the sewer treatment plant out of downtown Troutdale is an opportunity of a lifetime! If we don't seize this opportunity, the sewer plant will be in the middle of our neat little town forever!

Opening up the reclaimed land to the potential of mixed uses such as commercial, park or greenspaces is an exciting challenge that we can't let pass us by. Job creation and shopping amenities will make our downtown productive, interesting and fun! The increased assessed valuation of the reclaimed land will tend to reduce the tax burden on all of us homeowners.

So, take pride in our little city and vote "yes" to move the sewer plant out of downtown Troutdale—it will cost approximately \$7.25 more a month to move it than to expand it where it sits and stinks. What a small price to pay to show our "Troutdale Pride" and really make a difference! If you didn't vote last time, please vote on May 20th. If you did vote last time, please vote again! Troutdale is counting on all of us!

**Respectfully,
Paul Thalhofer, Mayor**

(This information furnished by Paul Thalhofer, Mayor)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR**ONCE AGAIN, TROUTDALE VOTERS NEED TO VOTE!**

The voters have spoken! Their desire is to move the sewer treatment plant out of downtown Troutdale.

BUT... BECAUSE OF A PROVISION IN MEASURE 47 WE NEED A 50% VOTER TURNOUT!

THE MAJORITY VOTED YES. BUT... A MAJORITY NEEDS TO VOTE!

VOTE YES and spend the extra \$7.25 per month, (which decreases over the life of the loan) for the following benefits for you as a Troutdale citizen:

- **Reclaim 10 acres of prime property**
- **Increased tax base**
- **Individual tax savings**
- **Goods and services that are needed locally**
- **Local jobs**
- **Access to the Sandy River**
- **Clean air**

Good citizens of Troutdale, make your voice heard!

**VOTE AGAIN
VOTE FOR THE FIRST TIME,
BUT ABOVE ALL, VOTE!**

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Measure No. 26-56

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

This exact same measure was put before Troutdale voters during the last election and it received a resounding **YES**. Unfortunately it failed due to a provision in Measure 47 that requires a 50% turnout of eligible voters in odd numbered election years.

We agree with those of you who voted yes on this measure, because a no vote or less than 50% turnout has very negative consequences:

1. **The city will be forced to spend \$10 million on an old plant in a very bad location.**
2. **The property will not be made available for its highest and best use.**
3. **Homeowners will not enjoy the benefit of a larger business tax base to help reduce property tax rates.**

We believe most people who voted in last November's election for Measure 47 were not aware of the 50% voter turnout requirement. The impact of Measure 47 can be overcome if everyone eligible to vote casts their ballot.

We believe the city is on the right track with this measure and we will be among the first to **vote yes** on it. Please help assure that those people who **VOTE** decide this election.

Please join us. Support your city--VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-56.

Supported by:

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| Susan Miller | Rip Caswell |
| Donna Erwin | Jim Kight |
| Kurt Jensen | Mary Graves |
| Richard Weill | Julie Sorensen |
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(This information furnished by Max and Sheryl Maydew)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

On March 11, 1997 the wise citizens of Troutdale approved a bond measure the eliminates an outdated and unsightly sewage treatment plant from the commercial downtown area. Despite the overwhelming majority, we are now asked to vote again in hopes that we will be able to meet the 50% turnout as required by Measure 47.

We are asking all of the citizens of Troutdale to turn out and **vote yes again**—a vote that will secure a positive and enhanced future for our city. We feel it is a much more prudent decision to eliminate the old plant, rather than spend money on it in hopes that it will provide the future needs of the community.

Eliminating the present plant is the best value in the long term and will provide an excellent chance for Troutdale to be the true **Gateway to the Gorge**. Visitors will be coming from all over the globe to enjoy the majesty and beauty of the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area. Do we want them to see the present sludge plant and lagoon with its unique odors, or do we want to welcome them with an area where they can enjoy a pleasant rest stop during their travels? **We really think the answer is crystal clear.**

Urge all of your friends and neighbors to get out and vote.

We need your support and YES vote!

The future of Troutdale depends on our attention to this very important measure.

VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-56!

Supported by:

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| Richard Weill | Christian Sorensen |
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Measure No. 26-57

BALLOT TITLE

CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT REGARDING ELIGIBILITY FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE

QUESTION: Shall Charter establish elector qualifications and prohibit City employees from serving on City Council?

SUMMARY: Amends City Charter to establish eligibility requirements to serve upon City Council and to prohibit City employees from such service.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Fairview City Council has referred to the voters a proposed charter amendment which would establish eligibility requirements to serve on the City Council and would prohibit City employees from such service.

BACKGROUND

A new City Charter was approved by the voters of the City of Fairview and became effective on July 15, 1994.

The Fairview City Council determined at its annual goal-setting session that the section regarding eligibility requirements for serving on the City Council was incomplete.

The proposed Section 30 would clarify the requirements regarding eligibility and would not allow a City employee to serve on the City Council.

Submitted by
Caren C. Huson Quiniones
City Recorder

**Your voted ballot
must be received at
a Drop Site or the
Elections Office by
8:00 PM, May 20th
to be counted.
(A Postmark does
not count)**

No arguments FOR or AGAINST this measure were filed.