

Notice of City Measure Election

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City and Notice Information

Notice is hereby given on February 13th, 2012, that a measure election will be held in

City of Portland

Oregon on May 15th,

, 2012.

Name of City or Cities

Date of Election

The following shall be the ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the city's voters:

Caption 10 words

Amends Charter: Adds terms and vacancy provision for Charter Commission

Question 20 words

Shall terms of office and vacancy provisions for the Charter Commission be added to the Portland City Charter?

Summary 175 words

Currently, Charter Section 13-301 directs the City Council to appoint a Charter Commission at least every ten years. The Charter does not specify the length of Charter Commission members' terms, nor does the Charter identify how vacancies on the Charter Commission will be filled.

This measure provides that the term of office for Charter Commission members shall be no less than two years; the Council will also have the power to reappoint members to additional terms or future Charter Commissions. The measure defines when a vacancy exists on the Charter Commission and how vacancies will be filled.

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Ryan Kinsella

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City Elections Officer
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MEASURE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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ELECTION DATE May 15, 2012	MEASURE NUMBER 26-133	
BALLOT TITLE CAPTION Amends Charter: Adds terms and vacancy provision for Charter Commission		
NAME OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTENT OF STATEMENT City Attorney James H. Van Dyke		
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This measure amends the Portland City Charter. In 2007, City voters approved Charter amendments requiring the City to periodically review its Charter. The new Charter provisions direct the City Council to appoint a Charter Commission at least every 10 years. However, the Charter does not specify the length of Charter Commission members' terms or identify how vacancies on the Charter Commission are to be filled.

The Charter Commission referred this measure to the voters. The Charter Commission recommends amending Charter Section 13-301 to specify that the Council shall appoint Charter Commission members to a term of office of at least two years and may appoint members to additional terms or later Charter commissions. The Housekeeping Committee further recommends amending Charter Section 13-301 to define when a vacancy exists on the Charter Commission and how a vacancy will be filled.

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TEXT OF EIGHTH PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Amend Charter Section 13-301 as follows:

Section 13-301 Charter Commission.

- (a) From time to time, but no less frequently than every 10 years, the Council shall convene a Charter review commission ("Charter Commission") to review and recommend amendments to this Charter provided, however, that the first Charter Commission shall be convened no later than two (2) years after the effective date of this Article. The Charter Commission shall be reflective of the City in terms of its racial and ethnic diversity, age and geography. It shall be comprised of twenty (20) residents of the City. Each member of the Council shall nominate four (4) Charter Commission members who shall be subject to confirmation by the Council. The term of office of each member of the Charter Commission shall be no less than two years. The Council may reappoint members to additional terms of office or to subsequent Charter commissions. The Charter Commission shall determine its own rules of procedure. No member of the Charter Commission shall serve as an elective officer of the City during his or her service on the Charter Commission. The Mayor or Council may request that the Charter Commission review specific sections of the Charter, but the work and recommendations of the Charter Commission shall not be limited to such specific sections. The Commission shall provide a written report of its findings to the City Council.
- (b) A vacancy exists on the Charter Commission upon a member's resignation, death, inability to serve or failure of a member without cause to attend three successive regular meetings. If there is a vacancy on the Charter Commission, the Council member who made the original nomination, or that member's successor in office, shall nominate a person to fill the unexpired term of office, subject to confirmation by Council.

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The ballot title is as follows:

QUESTION:
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SUMMARY:
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An elector may file a petition for review of this ballot title in the Multnomah County Circuit Court no later than 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 6, 2012.

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