

26-91

Notice of City Measure Election

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Name of City Portland

Notice is hereby given on *date of election* May 15, 2007. A measure election will be held in

name of county or counties Multnomah, Clackamas, Washington County, Oregon.

The following shall be the ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the city's voters on this date: 2/7/07

CAPTION 10 words

Amends Charter: Changes form of City Government.

QUESTION 20 words

Shall executive authority be transferred from Commissioners to the Mayor, and Council exercise legislative and quasi-judicial duties?

SUMMARY 175 words

The measure changes the structure of city government adopted in 1913. City Council members and Mayor currently share all executive, legislative, quasi-judicial and administrative functions. This measure distributes executive and administrative functions to Mayor and legislative and quasi-judicial functions to Council. The Mayor remains a voting member of Council, but does not have veto power. The Mayor prepares the budget, distributes work among offices, hires and discharges most employees, subject to civil service. Council adopts the budget and strategic plans, and exercises legislative oversight through investigations and hearings.

The measure authorizes Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to manage and coordinate city operations, administration and personnel, under supervision of the Mayor. The Mayor hires the CAO, subject to Council confirmation. The Mayor may fire the CAO.

Bureau directors are currently hired by individual Commissioners. The measure transfers responsibility for performance, including hiring and firing of bureau directors, to the Mayor.

The measure also changes the process for filling vacancies in City elective office. This measure is effective January 1, 2009.

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The following authorized city official hereby certifies the above ballot title is true and complete, which includes completion of the ballot title challenge process.

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2/22/07

date signed

Andrew J. Carlstrom

printed name of authorized city official

City Elections Officer
title

MEASURE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Required for all Measures Submitted with Multnomah County Elections

ELECTION DATE May 15, 2007	MEASURE NUMBER 26-91	
BALLOT TITLE CAPTION Amends Charter: Changes form of City Government		
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This measure is one of four recommendations by the 26 citizen-member Charter Review Commission.

The measure increases coordination of City services by centralizing City management in the chief administrative officer.

Background

In November 2005, Portland City Council appointed a panel of 26 Portlanders to take the first comprehensive look at the City Charter since 1913. This independent volunteer citizen committee – the Charter Review Commission – represented a wide range of ages, ethnicities, experiences and backgrounds.

To facilitate its work, the Commission held over 100 public meetings, collected information from a variety of sources, including review of written reports, invited testimony from legal and academic experts, and public testimony, including:

- Testimony from current and former elected officials of Portland and other municipalities, city employees, community organizations, neighborhood associations and other stakeholder groups and individuals;
- Testimony from outside experts in government studies and public administration; and
- A survey of comparably-sized cities.

What does the measure do?

Portland's current form of government was adopted in 1913. This 'commission' form of government combines the legislative and executive functions together in a five member commission. It requires that specific administrative responsibilities be divided among five elected City Commissioners, or City Council members, in addition to traditional legislative and oversight responsibilities. When elected, City Council members assume full time administrative roles as department heads of City bureaus.

The measure:

- Directs the Mayor, subject to City Council approval, to appoint a chief administrative officer to oversee the delivery and coordination of all City services and bureaus.
- Directs the City Council to oversee the budget, set strategic direction and policies, exercise oversight of City operations through investigations, committees and hearings, and provide constituent representation.
- Directs the City Council to retain legislative and quasi-judicial authority.
- Maintains a City Attorney appointed and removed by the City Council.
- Retains the Mayor as a voting member of the five member Council.
- Does not provide the Mayor veto authority over Council actions.
- Requires appointments of all bureau directors be approved by the City Council.
- Requires all appointments made by the Mayor be approved by the City Council.

- Maintains an independently elected Auditor and staff.

This measure replaces the current form of government where City Council decides public policy and administers City bureaus. It replaces the current form of government with a governing structure where the mayor is held accountable for a chief administrative officer who runs the day to day operation of the City and City Council members focus on setting policy, approving budgets, exercising legislative and quasi-judicial authority, and representing the citizens of Portland.

This measure if passed is effective January 1, 2009.