

# CITY OF FAIRVIEW

## Measure 26-148

### BALLOT TITLE

#### CHARTER AMENDMENT REVISING PROCESS COUNCIL USES TO ADOPT ORDINANCES

**QUESTION:** Shall Fairview amend the Charter to revise the process the City Council uses to adopt ordinances?

**SUMMARY:** The Oregon Constitution gives City voters the right to adopt and amend home rule charters. Fairview voters adopted the current charter in 1992.

The current charter provides procedures for Council adoption of ordinances, which permit but do not require the reading of proposed ordinances on two different days.

The procedures also permit, with the unanimous consent of the Council, the reading of proposed ordinances twice in one meeting and thereafter enactment by a majority vote of the Council at the same meeting.

The amendment would require only one reading of proposed ordinances, but would also require that the reading and enactment of ordinances occur on two separate days. The amendment would permit an ordinance to be read and enacted on the same day only if the Council enacts the ordinance by a unanimous vote of all members voting at that meeting.

The City's Charter Review Commission recommended this amendment, which was referred to the voters by the council. If approved, the amendment would take effect January 1, 2013.

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Oregon Constitution gives City voters the right to adopt and amend home rule charters. Fairview voters adopted the current charter in 1992.

The Fairview City Council formed an impartial Charter Review Committee comprised of citizens of the City to evaluate the existing charter and to determine if the charter should be updated or changed. The Charter Review Committee determined that changes to the charter were warranted and prepared draft amendments to the existing charter for review by City Council. The City Council concurred with the recommendation of the Charter Review Committee and referred this measure to City voters for approval or rejection.

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Submitted by

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No arguments FOR or AGAINST this measure were filed.