

Notice of Measure Election

City

3-524

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250.275, 250.285, 254.095, 254.465

Notice		
Date of Notice 8-21-17	Name of City or Cities City of West Linn	Date of Election 11-7-17
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.		
Amends City Charter regarding City Attorney authority and responsibilities		
Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.		
Shall Charter be amended to clarify City Council authority and City Attorney responsibilities and authority over legal matters?		
Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.		
<p>The measure adopts amendments to the City Charter related to the City Council's authority over legal services and the City Attorney's authority and responsibility for the provision of legal advice to the City. The amendments expressly provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This amendment restores previously deleted Section 8(f) by adding the deleted language to a new, Section 8(g), and authorizes the Council to retain any legal services it deems prudent. • This change amends Section 23A to add language requiring that all legal advice to the City Council and its advisory groups is provided or overseen by the City Attorney. The amendment does not preclude the City Manager from employing an attorney for general city administration and operations, but it requires that the City Attorney oversee the legal advice given to the City Council and its advisory groups. 		
Explanatory Statement 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect.		
<p>If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be drafted and attached to this form for:</p> <p>→ any measure referred by the city governing body; or Explanatory Statement Attached? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No → any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.</p>		
Authorized City Official Not required to be notarized.		
Name Eileen Stein	Title City Manager	
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<p><i>By signing this document:</i></p> <p>→ 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.</p>		

Signature

Date Signed

9-6-17

Measure Explanatory Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet

Important! Please read all instructions before completing this form. This form is to be used when filing a 'Measure Explanatory Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet' with your County Elections office. If a local government is located in more than one county, the county clerk of the county in which the city hall of the city or the administrative office of the local government is located shall be the filing officer for the 'Measure Explanatory Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet'.

Filing Information

Election: Primary 20____ General 20____ Special November 7, 2017

Measure # 3 - 524

Ballot Title Caption

Amends City Charter regarding City Attorney authority and responsibilities

Name of Person responsible for content of 'Explanatory Statement' (as it should appear in the Voters' Pamphlet):

Eileen Stein

Name of Jurisdiction/Organization Person is authorized to represent (as it should appear in the Voters' Pamphlet):

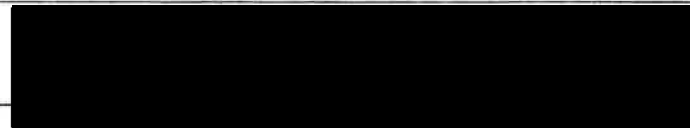
City of West Linn

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SIGNATURE



9-6-17

Signature of person responsible for content of 'Explanatory Statement'

Date

MEASURE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

See attached for 'Measure Explanatory Statement' (500 word/number MAX).

For Office Use only:

County: _____

Signed? Yes No

'Measure Explanatory Statement' attached?

Yes No

Intake Staff Initials:

Word Count (500 max):

Digital copy? Yes No

Review Staff Initials:

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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT – 500 words

About this Measure

If approved, this measure would make two changes to the West Linn Charter. The changes relate to the City Council's authority over legal services and the role and responsibilities of the City Attorney. The proposed changes to the Charter are underlined below:

Section 8, Councilors, will have the following language added to this Section:

(g) The Council may retain legal advisors as it deems prudent. These legal advisors shall report to and serve at the direction of the Council.

Section 23A, City Attorney, will have the following language added to this Section:

The office of City Attorney is established as the chief legal officer of the City. The City Attorney shall be appointed and removed by a majority of all incumbent members of the Council. Any legal advice provided to the City Council or its advisory groups shall be overseen by the City Attorney.

Why this Measure is Proposed

In 2013, the City Council was presented with two potential changes to the City Charter relating to the provision of legal services to the City. The changes were approved by the voters in the fall of 2013. The current City Council held discussions related to the ambiguity of these Charter amendments and the desired structure for the provision of legal services to the City. The Council considered and crafted two proposed charter amendments to address the structure of legal services provided to City staff and the City Council. The proposed change to Section 8 restores previously deleted language concerning the Council's authority to retain legal advisors. The second change to Section 23A adds that legal advice to the City Council and its advisory groups must be overseen by the City Attorney.

Amendment of the Charter requires approval by the City's voters.

If This Measure is Approved

The amendments will confirm the City Council's authority to hire any legal advisors it deems necessary. The amendments will also clarify the role of the City Attorney and require that all advice to the Council and its advisory groups is provided or overseen by the City Attorney. The amendments will not prohibit the City Manager from employing an attorney for general city administration and operations. (363 words)