

Notice of Measure Election

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Notice		
Date of Notice August 18, 2021	Name of City or Cities City of Lake Oswego	Date of Election November 2, 2021

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 Charter; protects natural areas; allows access to nature.

Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.

Shall the City of Lake Oswego amend its Charter to protect natural areas, habitat, water quality, and access to nature?

Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.

This measure would revise Chapter X of the Lake Oswego Charter and rename it "Preservation of Natural Areas".

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Athletic Facilities, new public roads, and telecommunications facilities are prohibited in Natural Areas. Restoration, stewardship, trails, and maintenance and renovation of existing facilities and structures are allowed.

Other activities are only allowed after public involvement and adoption of a Master Plan. This section would replace the existing "Chapter X - Park Development Limitations," which applies only to Springbrook Park.

Explanatory Statement 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect.

If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be drafted and attached to this form for:
→ any measure referred by the city governing body; **or**
→ any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.
Explanatory Statement Attached? Yes No

Authorized City Official Not required to be notarized.

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By signing this document:
→ 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.

Signature Redacted

8/18/2021

Signature | Date Signed

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170 words

Explanatory Statement

The proposed "Preservation of Natural Areas" amendment of the City's Charter revises Chapter X of the existing Charter to "preserve, protect, restore, and maintain the scenic and aesthetic qualities, ecological functions, water quality and wildlife habitat of Natural Areas that are owned by the City of Lake Oswego while also allowing for their use and enjoyment."

Recognizing interest in increasing protections for parks and natural spaces in Lake Oswego, the City undertook a public engagement program to assess public attitudes and develop proposed changes to the City's Charter. The City's engagement program included an online survey promoted by the City that was completed by 355 residents; a statistically representative poll of 405 Lake Oswego voters; two public listening conversations attended by 26 local residents; and 26 individual conversations with community leaders and stakeholders from the community.

People in the community voiced a commitment to ensuring these places support a broad range of uses, while also protecting their natural integrity. The City also heard feedback on a citizen initiative to amend the Charter that will be presented to voters in the November 2021 election. While some supported the measure, others raised concerns about unintended consequences that would impair other public priorities for these spaces.

Several themes emerged including:

- The preservation and maintenance of parks and natural spaces are a key aspect of the high quality of life in Lake Oswego.
- A desire to protect water quality and wildlife habitat.
- The importance of ensuring parks and natural spaces are accessible for people of various abilities.
- A focus on the need to prepare for climate change, particularly the need to prevent and contain wildfires, and protect wildfire response capabilities.

Using this feedback, the City's elected leaders have proposed the Charter amendment that will allow:

- Maintenance, stewardship, and education activities that promote ecological restoration and enhancement, eliminate invasive species, restore native species, and mitigate fire hazards.
- Maintenance and renovation of trails for walking, hiking, wheelchairs and mobility devices, horseback riding, and non-motorized bicycle travel. Trail construction can only occur after an environmental assessment and review by the Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources Advisory Board and must be appropriate to the conditions of a natural area.
- Construction, maintenance, renovation, and replacement of picnic and sanitary facilities, boardwalks, benches, and interpretive displays where appropriate.

The Amendment would prohibit construction of new athletic facilities, commercial logging, construction of new public streets and roads, and construction or installation of new telecommunications facilities in designated Natural Areas.

Other uses and facilities related to restoration or access to Natural Areas would only be allowed under the Amendment after City Council adoption of a property-specific master plan for the designated area. The Council must engage the public in the development of the master plan, including Neighborhood Associations and all property owners within 300 feet of the Natural Area.

If both this measure and Ballot Measure 3-568 are approved, only the measure with the greater number of affirmative votes will become effective.

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