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Notice of Measure Election City

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Notice		
Date of Notice August 12, 2021	Name of City or Cities City of Gladstone	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.		
City of Gladstone Home Rule Charter		
Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.		
Shall the City of Gladstone adopt a new home rule charter?		
Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.		
<p>This measure would adopt a new home rule charter for Gladstone. The Oregon Constitution gives city voters the right to adopt charters. Charters grant legal authority to cities and assign duties to city officials. Gladstone voters adopted the current Charter in 1984.</p> <p>This proposed charter is based on the League of Oregon Cities Model Charter and the work of the City's 2016 Charter Review Commission. It contains charter provisions unique and important to Gladstone.</p> <p>The proposed charter retains the current form of government with a Mayor and six councilors to govern the city, all of whom will continue to serve four year terms. Councilors will also continue to be elected by position.</p> <p>The proposed charter also retains the City Administrator position to run the administrative affairs of the City and includes recently enacted Charter amendments that require voter approval for: (1) parks changes; (2) incurring debt to finance public improvements; and (3) the construction of certain public buildings.</p> <p>The proposed Charter is more concise, gender neutral and consistent with state law.</p>		
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</p> <p>→ any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.</p>		
Authorized City Official Not required to be notarized.		
Name Tami Bannick	Title City Recorder	
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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</p> <p>→ I certify that notice of receipt of ballot title has been published and the ballot title challenge process for this measure completed.</p>		

Signature Redacted

Signature

08-12-2021

Date Signed

City of Gladstone Home Rule Charter Explanatory Statement:

If approved, this measure would enact a new home rule charter for the City of Gladstone.

The new charter would replace the current city charter that was adopted by Gladstone voters in 1984. The proposed charter is based on the League of Oregon Cities Model Charter and the work of the City's 2016 Charter Review Commission. The City Council approved the new charter for submission to City voters.

The Oregon Constitution gives city voters the right to adopt home rule charters. A charter grants legal authority to a city government and defines the roles and responsibilities of city officials.

The proposed Charter continues to include current Gladstone charter policies and practices including existing charter provisions unique and important to Gladstone such as the election of councilors by position. The new charter more clearly defines the legal authority of the City Council.

Specific changes from the existing charter to the new charter include:

- Updating and modernizing the language used in the Charter;
- More clearly defining the roles and responsibilities of City officers;
- Clarifying when vacancies occur in elected positions and how to fill such vacancies; and
- Creating a Charter Review Commission that must meet every eight years.

The proposed charter also carries over recently enacted charter amendments requiring voter approval for changes to city parks; the construction of certain public buildings; and limitations on city debt for public improvement projects.

The City Council believes the new charter will better meet the current and future needs of the City. The proposed charter is much shorter and easier to read and use than the current charter. It is consistent with state law and uses gender neutral language.