

City of West Linn Measure 3-428

CAPTION: CHARTER AMENDMENT REQUIRING ALL ANNEXATIONS TO BE APPROVED BY VOTERS

QUESTION: Shall the City amend the City Charter to require all annexations to be approved by the City's voters?

SUMMARY: The Charter requires voter approval for the annexation of land outside the Metropolitan Service District Urban Growth Boundary. The Charter also specifies that all land proposed for annexation requires approval by the majority of the City's voters. The proposed charter amendment makes it clear that all annexations have to be approved by the City's voters, except for annexations mandated by law.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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Information furnished by:
Megan Thornton, City of West Linn

City of West Linn Measure 3-429

CAPTION: CHARTER AMENDMENT ESTABLISHING PROCESS FOR APPOINTING AND REMOVING CITY ATTORNEY

QUESTION: Shall the City amend the City Charter to include the process for appointing and removing the city attorney?

SUMMARY: The City Council currently hires a city attorney to represent the City in legal matters. The city attorney is appointed and removed by the Council; therefore, the city attorney reports directly to the City Council. This addition to the Charter recognizes the City's current practice.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The City Council currently hires a city attorney to represent the City in legal matters. The city attorney is appointed and removed by the Council; therefore, the city attorney reports directly to the City Council. Removal of the city attorney would require a majority vote of all currently elected councilors. This addition to the Charter recognizes the City's current practice.

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City of West Linn Measure 3-430

CAPTION: CHARTER AMENDMENT TO FILL VACANCIES AT MAY AND NOVEMBER ELECTIONS

QUESTION: Shall the City amend the City Charter to allow vacancies to be filled at May and November elections?

SUMMARY: The Charter provides the process for filling vacancies for the offices of the Mayor, Council, and Municipal Judge. The Charter currently requires vacancies that have one or more years left in the term to be filled at the next special election; special elections are held each year in March and September. The City is required to pay the cost of all special elections and May and November elections in odd numbered years. Additionally, elections of candidates running for expired terms occur during November elections in even numbered years. Under the current charter provisions this can result in two elections for city positions within two months of each other in even numbered years. The proposed amendment would result in all elections being held in either May or November.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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CAPTION: CHARTER AMENDMENT TO PROHIBIT INTERFERENCE WITH PERSONNEL AND PUBLIC CONTRACTS

QUESTION: Shall the City amend the City Charter to prohibit the Council from interfering with personnel decisions and public contract awards?

SUMMARY: The Charter establishes the duties of the City Council and the City Manager. The Charter specifies that the City Council has authority to appoint and remove the City Manager. The Charter specifies that the City Manager has the duty to appoint, remove, and supervise city officers and employees. This amendment makes it clear that the Council will not interfere with the City Manager's duty to appoint and remove city officers and employees, or award public contracts, subject to purchasing rules and other Charter limitations.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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No candidate statements or arguments in support of or opposition to any measures were received.

Some Common Vote-by-Mail Mistakes

Avoid these mistakes when signing and returning your ballot, and make sure your vote gets counted!

Letting your spouse (or child or parent) **sign your ballot envelope:** Some families like to make voting a communal event, but make sure the envelope you sign is your own, and doesn't belong to some other family member. If the signature on the envelope doesn't match the pre-printed name, the ballot will be challenged.

Signing by Power of Attorney: Don't do it. If a voter is unable to sign, a Signature Attestation form may be obtained so that the voter is able to use a rubber stamp of their signature. Contact us at 503.655.8510 for more information.

Saving a stamp by putting two ballots in one envelope: Don't do it. Both ballots would be rejected.

Forgetting to use the secrecy envelope: First of all, don't panic! And don't bother mangling the return envelope to re-open it just because you forgot the secrecy envelope. Your vote will still be confidential and it will be counted.

Waiting until Election Day to mail your ballot: Mail your ballot back as soon as you can. The Postal Service simply cannot get a ballot from the mailbox to our office in the space of one day, and (it can't be said often enough) **the postmark does not count.** Waiting until Election Day to mail the ballot practically ensures that your vote will *not* be counted, but if you do wait that long, please make use of one of our official drop sites.



VOTER INFORMATION

YOU MAY REGISTER TO VOTE IF:

1. You are a resident of Oregon;
2. You are at least 17 years of age (though you will not receive a ballot until an election occurs on or after your 18th birthday), and
3. You are a United States citizen.

YOU MUST UPDATE YOUR REGISTRATION IF:

1. Your residence or mailing address changes;
2. Your name changes, or
3. You wish to change political affiliation.

To be eligible to vote, you must be registered by the close of business on the 21st day before an election (August 27, 2013).

If you make a mistake or damage your ballot in any way and need a replacement, or if you have questions on registration or updating your registration, contact the Elections Division by calling **503.655.8510**.

If a ballot was delivered to your residence for someone who should no longer be receiving ballots at that address, please write "RETURN" on the unopened envelope and put it back in your mailbox.

If a ballot was sent to someone at your address who has passed away, please write DECEASED on the unopened envelope and place it in your mailbox to be returned to Elections.

Your voted ballot must be received in any county Elections office or ballot drop site by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, September 17, 2013.

If you return your ballot by mail, remember: the postmark does not count.

If, instead of mailing your ballot, you'd prefer to take it to an **Official Ballot Drop Site**, the addresses can be found elsewhere in this pamphlet.

Measure Text and Arguments (if any) are printed as filed; no spelling or grammatical corrections are made.

ELECTION RESULTS ON THE INTERNET

www.clackamas.us/elections/results.htm

By entering the above web address into your computer's internet browser, you can access current and archived results for elections conducted in Clackamas County.

After 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, navigate to returns for the current election with just a few clicks of the mouse.

Updates are posted as ballot processing continues throughout the evening of the election.



BALLOT DROP SITES

Your voted ballot may be dropped off at any of the following locations. Outdoor drop boxes are locked at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

West Linn City Hall

22500 Salamo Rd., West Linn
Phone: 503.657.0331

West Linn Library (indoor)

1595 Burns St., West Linn
Phone: 503.656.7853

Mon - Wed 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Thu, Fri 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sat, Sun 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Clackamas County Elections (indoor & outdoor)

1710 Red Soils Ct., Ste. 100
Oregon City, OR 97045

CLACKAMAS COUNTY ELECTIONS DIVISION

VOTERS' PAMPHLET

SPECIAL ELECTION SEPTEMBER 17, 2013 CITY OF WEST LINN

Ballots must be returned by 8:00 p.m. on
Tuesday, September 17, 2013.



SHERRY HALL, COUNTY CLERK