

# Notice of Measure Election

3-511

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City

<b>Notice</b>		
<b>Date of Notice</b> August 25, 2016	<b>Name of City or Cities</b> City of Gladstone	<b>Date of Election</b> November 8, 2016

**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.

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. The new charter is based on the League of Oregon Cities Model Charter. It contains charter provisions unique and important to Gladstone such as elections of councilors by position. The proposed charter retains the current form of government with a Mayor and six councilors to govern the city, but changes the mayoral term from four to two years. The proposed charter also retains a position to run the administrative affairs of the City but renames that position City Manager. The new charter more clearly defines the legal authority of the City Council and defines the roles and responsibilities of the City Manager. The new Charter is consistent with state law. The proposed Charter is submitted to voters by the City Council after review and drafting conducted by the City's Charter Review Commission.

**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.

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Signature

Date Signed

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## CLACKAMAS COUNTY EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR COUNTY VOTERS' PAMPHLET

[THIS INTERACTIVE FORM CAN BE FILLED IN ON-LINE]

ELECTION DATE November 8, 2016	MEASURE NUMBER <span style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">3-511</span>
BALLOT TITLE CAPTION City of Gladstone Home Rule Charter	
NAME OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTENT OF STATEMENT Jacque M. Betz	
NAME OF ORGANIZATION PERSON REPRESENTS, IF ANY City of Gladstone	
TELEPHONE (HOME)	TELEPHONE (WORK) 503-557-2766
FAX NUMBER 503-557-2768	E-MAIL ADDRESS betz@ci.gladstone.or.us

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 city's Charter Review Commission held numerous public meetings to review the existing charter and draft the proposed charter. 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 new charter is based on the League of Oregon Cities model charter. The Charter Review Commission adapted the model charter to continue current Gladstone charter policies and practices. Accordingly, it contains 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 and defines the role and responsibilities of the City Manager.

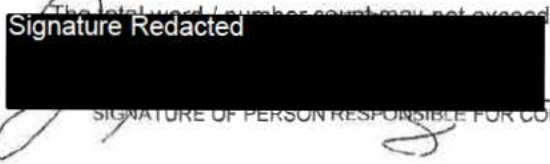
Specific changes from the existing charter to the new charter include:

Placing the office of the administrative head of the city in the charter rather than the municipal code and renaming that position City Manager;

- Switching the mayoral term from four years to two years;
- 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 the construction of certain public buildings and limitations on city debt for public improvement projects. The Charter Review Commission and the City Council believe 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.

The stated word / number count may not exceed 500 words / numbers. Word / number count total: \_\_\_\_\_

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SIGNATURE OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTENT OF STATEMENT

DATE