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# Notice of Measure Election

City

**Notice**

<b>Date of Notice</b> 03-13-2025	<b>Name of City or Cities</b> City of Gladstone, Oregon	<b>Date of Election</b> May 20, 2025
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**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.

Charter Approval to Sell or Lease Old Library Property

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

Shall Gladstone be permitted to sell or lease the old library property after community input if a development opportunity arises?

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

Gladstone owns the old library property (135 E. Dartmouth), which is no longer needed for library purposes. The City would like to redevelop the property into another unknown use, which could potentially require a sale or lease.

Although not used as a park, the property is zoned in an area where park use is permissible. Because of this, the Charter prohibits the City from selling or leasing the property without voter approval.

If approved, this measure would authorize the City to sell or lease the property if a sale or lease is required for the chosen redevelopment plan. This approval is contingent on the City providing an opportunity for public input before Council approves any sale or lease.

At this time, there are no specific redevelopment plans for the property. The City seeks voter approval to allow for flexibility in planning for redevelopment and to take advantage of opportunities that may arise between election cycles. The City intends to engage in community outreach to formulate ideas for redevelopment, which could include public or private uses.

**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

03-13-2025  
Date Signed

## **City of Gladstone Charter Approval to Sell or Lease Old Library Property Explanatory Statement:**

The City owns property at 135 E. Dartmouth, which is the location of the old library. With the construction and the opening of the new library at 525 Portland Avenue, the old library property is no longer needed for library use and is sitting vacant. Even though the property is vacant, the City must still spend money to maintain the building and surrounding property. For these reasons, the City is seeking to repurpose or redevelop the property.

The City has yet to determine how the property should be used in the future. There are multiple options to consider, including keeping the property under city ownership or selling or leasing all or a portion of it to another party. Under the zoning code, potential uses could include, among others, retail and service businesses, hotels, eating or drinking establishments, medical clinics, housing, government offices, or community service facilities. The City plans to engage in a discussion with the public about what use might best benefit the community and then take steps to implement that use.

Charter section 42 requires voter approval before the City may sell or lease certain property. Section 42 applies to any city-owned property in Gladstone that allows either outright, or as a conditional use, or as an accessory use a "park," "open space," "green space," wildlife habitat," "natural area," or "wetland". The old library property is zoned C-2, Community Commercial, which permits a "park" as an outright use of the property. Therefore, the property may not be sold or leased without voter approval, even though it is not currently being used as a park.

So, in addition to community engagement and conducting due diligence on potential new uses for the property, the City must also receive voter approval if a future use would require selling or leasing all or a portion of the property. If approved, this measure would grant such authority, contingent upon the City providing an opportunity for public input before Council approves any sale or lease.

The City is seeking approval now, even though a specific use has not been decided upon, so that it is prepared to take advantage of any opportunities that arise between May and November election dates. The City has not decided to actually sell or lease the property, but the Council believes having flexibility to do so would be in the best interests of the community, as it will allow the City to negotiate and finalize a redevelopment opportunity with greater certainty, if that is the path decided upon after community engagement.