

Notice of Measure Election City

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Notice		
Date of Notice 03/10/20	Name of City or Cities Happy Valley	Date of Election 05/19/20

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 AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING MAYORAL STIPEND COVERING EXPENSES OF HOLDING OFFICE

Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.
Shall the City Charter be amended to authorize a mayoral stipend to pay for expenses associated with holding office?

Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.
The Mayor serves as the City's political leader. In this role, the Mayor incurs regular and ordinary expenses associated with holding office, including transportation and parking costs, registration fees, and expenditures for office supplies.
Currently, these expenses must be paid by the Mayor personally or may be reimbursed by the City. The City recognizes this may represent a barrier for some community members to run for Mayor.
This measure, if approved, would amend the Charter to provide the Mayor with a \$750 monthly stipend to cover these expenses. The initial stipend amount would be modified annually for cost of living adjustments. The City's budget committee will provide oversight of the stipend amount every even numbered year, at a minimum. Their review will ensure the stipend in place adequately covers the expenses associated with holding office. At any time, the Council may temporarily decrease or suspend the stipend if it is not needed.
The stipend would be paid beginning in July 2020. The Mayor would be prohibited from participating in any budget committee decisions related to stipend adjustments.

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

03/10/20

Signature

Date Signed

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Members of the City Council, including the Mayor, are often asked to represent the City in their official capacity at various meetings and events throughout the Metro region and the state. Doing so is a common and necessary duty for the City's elected officials, and often results in great benefits to the community. For example, the City's elected officials have travelled to Salem to lobby the legislature on matters of importance to the City, spoken at community events and attended conferences to learn about important matters affecting cities, including Happy Valley.

Our elected officials often incur expenses when engaging in such activities on behalf of the City. Currently, elected officials may pay for these expenses personally or seek reimbursement from the City after they have pre-paid for such expenses on their own. Notwithstanding the ability to seek reimbursement from the City, quite often the City's elected officials do not do so. Further, processing reimbursements takes staff time and resources and is not the most cost-effective method for covering costs.

Under the Charter, the Mayor is the political head of the City. Because of this increased role, the Mayor often incurs regular and ordinary expenses associated with holding office that are above and beyond those incurred by other members of the City Council. The City recognizes this may represent a barrier for some community members to have the ability to run for Mayor.

This measure, if approved, would amend the Charter to provide the Mayor with a monthly stipend to cover these regular and ordinary expenses of holding office. The initial stipend would be \$750 per month, which would be modified annually for cost of living adjustments utilizing the U.S. Bureau of Labor Consumer Price Index. In addition, the City's budget committee will provide oversight of the stipend amount every even numbered year, at a minimum. Their review will ensure the stipend amount adequately covers the expenses associated with holding office.

The stipend would be paid beginning in July 2020. The Mayor would be prohibited from participating in any budget committee decisions related to stipend adjustments.