

Measure 3-470

APPROVE CHANGES TO SECTION 45 OF DAMASCUS CHARTER

QUESTION: Shall Damascus approve changes to Section 45 of its Charter relating to spending limitations?

SUMMARY: If this measure is approved, Section 45 of the Damascus Charter would be revised as follows:

- 1) increase in spending annually would be based on prior year's spending limit and would increase by the larger of two and one-half percent or a percentage increase in City population as calculated by Portland State University, adjusted for inflation. Currently, yearly increases are based on prior year's expenditures and increased by two and one-half percent.
- 2) A majority, rather than unanimous vote of City council, followed by voter approval, would be needed to increase the annual spending limit.
- 3) The measure would create exceptions from spending limitations for grants and pass-through funds, expenditures related to declared emergencies, systems development charge revenue, expenditures related to land use, development, inspection and building plan review, and master plans for infrastructure in the voter-approved comprehensive plan.
- 4) To re-establish a base, the spending limit for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 would not exceed the city's expenditures of fiscal year 2010-2011 reduced by ten percent.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

If this measure is approved, Section 45 of the Damascus Charter would be revised as follows (added language underlined, deleted language stricken):

Section 45. Spending Limitations. (a) The purpose of this section is to limit the rate of growth of total spending by the city. Total spending by the City shall not exceed the spending limit established in this section. Except as provided in subsection (b), any increase in total spending by the city from one year to the next the spending limit shall be no greater than the previous year's expenditures spending limit increased by the larger of:

- (1) two and one half percent; or
- (2) The percentage increase in the City population for the most recent previous year, based on figures published by Portland State University Population Research Center, added to the inflation rate for the most recent previous year, based on the most recent

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annual average CPIW published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

(b) ~~The limit on total spending limit~~ established by this section for any year may be exceeded for that year provided the excess spending is approved by ~~an unanimous~~ a majority vote of the city council and then approved by a majority of electors voting on the issue in a regular May or November election.

(c) For purposes of this section: "Total spending" means all disbursements pursuant to all acts by the City Council authorizing the expenditure of public funds, except disbursements of:

- (1) Proceeds from the sale of bonds specifically approved by voters;
- (2) Money to refund any taxes, fees, fines or charges;
- (3) Proceeds from the sale of city property at real market value to non-governmental entities;
- (4) Money voluntarily donated to the city; and
- (5) ~~Federal funds: All grants and pass-through funds, not including any matching funds from the City.~~
- (6) Money used to protect life, limb and property during a state of emergency, when the state of emergency is declared by a Federal, State or County government;
- (7) Revenue from System Development Charges;
- (8) Spending of fees and charges collected for providing inspection services, land use permits, development plans and building plans review;
- (9) Spending on initial infrastructure master plans once the comprehensive plan is authorized by the voters.

(d) For the purpose of re-establishing a base spending limit, ~~total expenditures by the city in the fiscal year immediately following the adoption of this section,~~ the spending limit for fiscal year 2014-15 shall not exceed the city's expenditures of fiscal year 2010-2011 reduced by ten percent.

Submitted by: Gene Green
City Manager

NO ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF OR OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.

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, which are listed on the other side of this voters' pamphlet.



ELECTION RESULTS ON THE INTERNET

www.clackamas.us/elections/results.html

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 and the following days up to certification.



***“OH NO! I forgot
to use the
secrecy envelope!”***

Relax . . . it's not that big a deal. The secrecy envelope is designed to preserve the anonymity of your ballot choices, from the moment you vote onward. Once your ballot reaches the processing table, we've arranged the examination procedure so the ballot processors have no way of knowing which ballots came from which voters. Of course, you *could* carefully re-open the outer return envelope, put your ballot in the secrecy envelope and re-seal the return envelope with tape. Or . . . just send it in the way it is. The absence of a secrecy envelope will not affect the tallying of your vote in any way.

If you have further questions, please call the Clackamas County Elections Division at **503.655.8510**.

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.

Canby City Hall (Outside, 24 Hours)
182 N Holly St

Canby McDonalds (Outside, 24 Hours)
709 SW First St

Damascus City Hall (Outside, 24 Hours)
19920 SE Hwy 212

Milwaukie Public Safety Building (Outside, 24 Hours)
3200 SE Harrison St

West Linn City Hall (Outside, 24 Hours)
22500 Salamo Rd

Gladstone Library (Indoor)
135 E Dartmouth St

Mon - Thurs 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Fri, Sat 11:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Sun 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Ledding Library of Milwaukie (Indoor)
10660 SE 21st Ave

Mon - Thurs 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Fri, Sat 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sun 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

West Linn Library (Indoor)
1595 Burns St

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.

Wilsonville Library (Indoor)
8200 SW Wilsonville Rd

Mon - Thurs 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Fri, Sat 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sun 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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VOTERS' PAMPHLET

SPECIAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 3, 2015 CITY OF DAMASCUS

Ballots must be returned by 8:00 p.m. on
Tuesday, November 3, 2015.



**SHERRY HALL,
COUNTY CLERK**