

# CLACKAMAS COUNTY



## VOTERS' PAMPHLET

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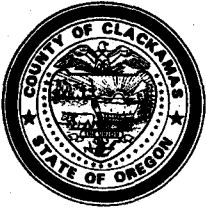
MAY 18, 1999

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May 1999

Dear Clackamas County Voter:

This Voters' Pamphlet contains information designed to assist you in voting. It contains explanatory statements and arguments regarding nine measures from five cities: Canby, Estacada, Lake Oswego, Oregon City and West Linn.

Please remember, in order to vote on these measures you must be a registered voter as well as a resident of the specific city. Your vote-by-mail ballot, therefore, will not contain all of the measures listed in this Voters' Pamphlet.

Your voted ballot must be received in the Elections Office, 825 Portland Avenue, Gladstone, OR, by 8:00 PM on election night to be counted. Postmark does not count. If you prefer, instead of mailing your ballot, you may take it to the Elections Office or to one of the Drop Site Locations listed on page 4 of this pamphlet. Drop boxes will be available at these locations from April 30 through 8 PM on Tuesday, May 18.

If a ballot was delivered to your residence for someone who should no longer be receiving ballots at your address, please write "RETURN" on the envelope and place it back in your mail box. If a ballot was sent to someone who is deceased, please write "DECEASED" on the envelope and place it back in your mailbox.

Information about voter registration is on page 3 of this pamphlet.

The address for Internet access for election results is on page 6.

If you have any questions about this election, or the elections process, please call the Elections Office at (503) 655-8510.

Sincerely,

John Kauffman  
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# V O T E

## VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

**YOU MAY REGISTER TO VOTE IF:**

1. You are a citizen of the United States
2. You will be 18 or older on election day and
3. You are a resident of Oregon.

**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.

If you have any questions on registration or updating your registration, contact:

**CLACKAMAS COUNTY ELECTIONS  
825 PORTLAND AVENUE  
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PHONE: 655-8510**

Registration cards are located in DMV offices, post offices, libraries and other locations throughout the county. Call 655-8510 for the location nearest you.

# CITY OF CANBY

## Measure No. 3-52

### DROP SITE LOCATIONS

Voted ballots for the May 18, 1999 special election may be deposited at any of the following locations beginning Friday, April 30 through Tuesday, May 18. Current hours (as of publication) are listed below. Phone numbers are provided in case you wish to confirm hours.

**Canby Public Library**  
Phone: 266-3394  
M-Th 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
F, Sat 10:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Sun 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

**Estacada Public Library**  
Phone: 630-8273  
Mon CLOSED  
T-Th 10:00 am – 8:00 pm  
Fri 10:00 am – 6:00 pm  
Sat 10:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Sun 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

**Lake Oswego Public Library**  
Phone: 636-7628  
M-Th 10:30 am – 9:00 pm  
F, Sat 10:30 am – 5:30 pm  
Sun 12:30 pm – 5:30 pm

**Oregon City Public Library**  
Phone: 657-8269  
M-Th 11:00 am – 8:00 pm  
F, Sat 11:00 am – 6:00 pm  
Sun 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

**West Linn Public Library**  
Phone: 656-7853  
M-Th 10:00 am – 8:00 pm  
F, Sat 10:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Sun 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

In addition, the Clackamas County Elections Division, 825 Portland Avenue, Gladstone is available for ballot deposit. Daily office hours are 8:30 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday; or you may utilize the front door drop slot during hours closed. Election Day office hours are 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.

### BALLOT TITLE

#### MEASURE APPROVING ANNEXATION OF 1.5 ACRES INTO CITY OF CANBY

**QUESTION:** Shall 1.5 acres located at the end of S. Elm Street and east of Village on the Lochs Manufactured Home Park be annexed into the Canby city limits?

**SUMMARY:** Annexation is the legal process to bring property inside the City limits. Merry Widow Ltd., as property owner and Leonard J. Kelley, as applicant have asked the City to bring 1.5 acres of land into the City limits. The legal description of the property is Tax Lots 1700 and a portion of 1701 of Tax Map 4-1E-4C. It is located at the end of S. Elm Street where it turns into Village on the Lochs Manufactured Home Park. Properties to the east, north and west of the subject parcel are within the City limits. This application has previously been approved by the City Council. The proposal could allow development of the property for single family residential use. Future development requires City review and must comply with land use laws.

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This measure would approve the annexation of 1.5 acres into the city limits of the City of Canby. The property which would be included within the City boundaries is known as Tax Lots 1700 and a portion of 1701 of Tax Map 4-1E-4C and is located generally in the southwest part of the City. The parcel is located on the end of S. Elm Street, where it turns into Village on the Lochs Manufactured Home Park. Tax lots 1700 and 1701 are currently zoned EFU-20 (Exclusive Farm Use - 20 acre Minimum Lot Size). If annexation into the City is approved by the voters, the property would be zoned Single Family Low Density Residential as required under the City's Comprehensive Land Use Plan (Comp Plan).

Merry Widow Ltd., as owner, and Leonard J. Kelley, as applicant, applied to the City of Canby for approval of its annexation request as allowed by Oregon law. The City, following its Charter, has put this matter before the voters for approval.

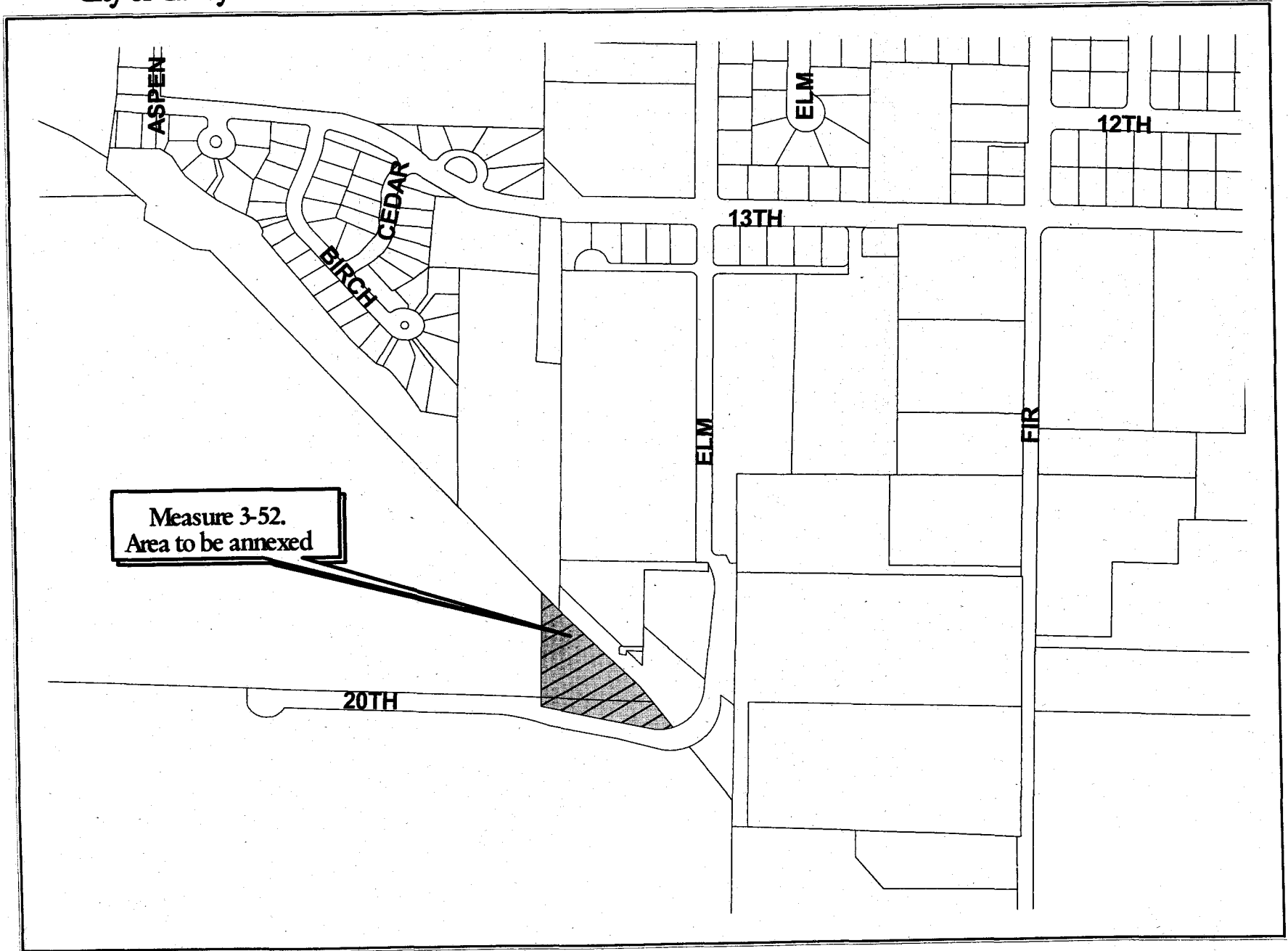
Under the City of Canby's Comp Plan, the zoning for this property, should it be annexed, is residential. However, annexation alone does not set the future uses to be built on the property. Any development would have to comply with state and local land use laws and would be subject to public review.

The Canby Comp Plan also designates properties for annexation as Priority "A," "B" or "C". Priority "A" properties shall generally be annexed prior to those areas shown as Priority "B" which, in turn, shall generally be annexed prior to those areas shown as Priority "C". The proposed annexation by Merry Widow Ltd., is designated Priority "A" property. The Canby Planning Commission approved this annexation application by a 5-0 vote and the City Council approved this application by a 5-0 vote.

Submitted by:  
Chaunee Seifried  
Canby City Recorder - Pro tem

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

City of Canby. Measure 3-52



CITY OF CANBY

Measure No. 3-53

ELECTION RESULTS  
ON THE INTERNET  
May 18, 1999

<http://www.co.clackamas.or.us/elections>

When you connect to the above web site, you will be at the Clackamas County Clerk's Elections home page. You will be presented with several choices, including Election Results, which will allow you to navigate to current results for the May 18, 1999 election. These results will be updated as we continue to process ballots during the evening.

While you are on the Election Results page, you may also review results from past elections.

Back on the Elections home page, you have the opportunity to connect to other Oregon counties which also post election results. Also available are connections to other election related sites, including the Secretary of State.

You may also send an email message directly to the Clackamas County Clerk. Please feel free to comment on the web site or ask any election related question.

BALLOT TITLE

MEASURE APPROVING ANNEXATION OF 0.64 ACRES AND 0.86 ACRES INTO CITY OF CANBY

**QUESTION:** Shall 0.64 acres and 0.86 acres located south of SE Township Road and west of S. Redwood Street be annexed into the Canby city limits?

**SUMMARY:** Annexation is the legal process to bring property inside the City limits. Jay and Patricia Nellen, as owners of 0.64 acres and Leon and Adelaide Sampsel, as owners of 0.86 acres, have filed a joint application asking the City to bring their properties into the City limits. The legal description of the Nellen property is Tax Lot 100 of Tax Map 4-1E-3BB. It is located at 1477 SE Township Road. The legal description of the Sampsel property is Tax Lot 200 of Tax Map 4-1E-3BB. It is located at 609 S. Redwood Street. These properties are presently islanded within the City limits. This application has previously been approved by the City Council. Both properties contain residences occupied by their respective owners. The City's Zoning Map calls for high density residential for Tax Lot 100 and a mix of high and low density residential for Tax Lot 200 upon annexation. The purpose for this annexation request is to allow the properties to hook up to city services for water and sewer as one lot has a failed septic system and the second has a possible contaminated water well. Any further development requires City review and must comply with land use laws.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This measure would approve the annexation of two lots into the city limits of the City of Canby. The properties which would be included within the City boundaries are known as Tax Lot 100 and Tax Lot 200 of Tax Map 4-1E-3BB and are located generally in the southeast part of the City. Tax Lot 100 is located at 1477 SE Township Road and Tax Lot 200 is located at 609 S. Redwood Street. Tax lots 100 and 200 are currently zoned EFU-20 (Exclusive Farm Use - 20 acre Minimum Lot Size). If annexation into the City is approved by the voters, Tax Lot 100 would be rezoned High Density Residential, and Tax Lot 200 would be rezoned a combination of High Density and Low Density Residential as required under the City's Comprehensive Land Use Plan (Comp Plan).

Tax Lot 100 is owned by Jay and Patricia Nellen and Tax Lot 200 is owned by Leon and Adelaide Sampsel. Both owners have applied jointly to the City of Canby for approval of annexation as allowed by Oregon law. The City, following its Charter, has put this matter before the voters for approval. The purpose for this annexation request is because one property has a failing septic system, while the other has a potentially contaminated water well and both owners wish to hook up to City services.

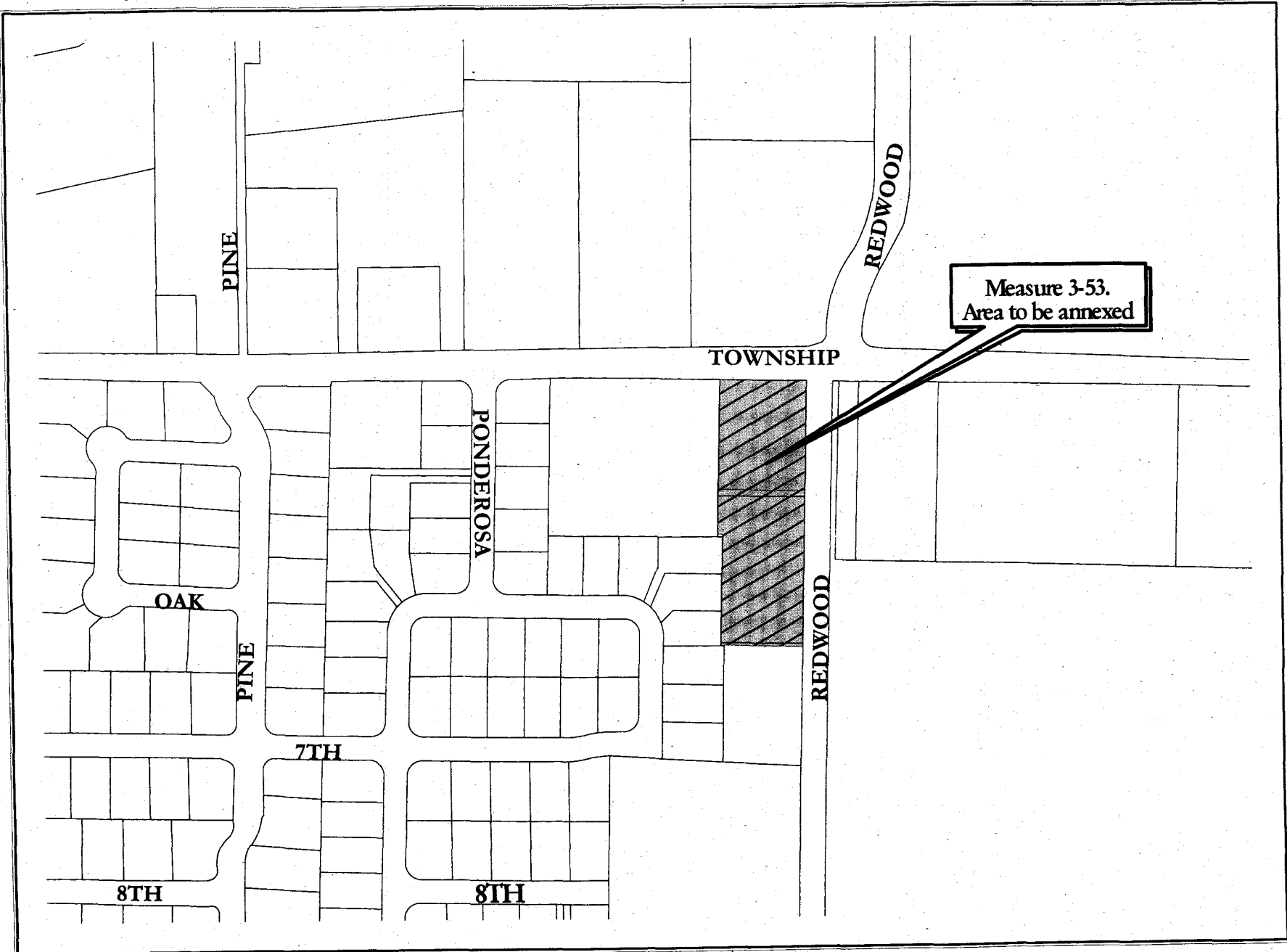
Under the City of Canby's Comp Plan, the zoning for this property, should it be annexed, is high density residential for Tax Lot 100 and a mix of high and low density residential for Tax Lot 200. Both lots presently contain single family residences. However, annexation alone does not set the future uses to be built on the property. Any further development would have to comply with state and local land use laws and would be subject to public review.

The Canby Comp Plan also designates properties for annexation as Priority "A", "B" or "C". Priority "A" properties shall generally be annexed prior to those areas shown as Priority "B" which, in turn, shall generally be annexed prior to those areas shown as Priority "C". The proposed annexation by the Sampsel and the Nellen is designated Priority "A" property. The Canby Planning Commission approved this annexation application by a 5-0 vote and the City Council approved this application by a 6-0 vote.

Submitted by:  
Chaunee Seifried  
Canby City Recorder - Pro tem

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

City of Canby. Measure 3-53



# CITY OF CANBY

## Measure No. 3-54

### BALLOT TITLE

#### MEASURE APPROVING ANNEXATION OF 14.03 ACRES INTO CITY OF CANBY

**QUESTION:** Shall 14.03 acres located on the south side of Highway 99E, north of SE 1st Avenue and east of Redwood Street be annexed into the Canby city limits?

**SUMMARY:** Annexation is the legal process to bring property inside the City limits. Irene Burden, as applicant, has asked the City to bring 14.03 acres of land into the City limits. The legal description of the property is Tax Lot 2200 of Tax Map 3-1E-34B. It is located on the south side of Highway 99E, north of SE 1st Avenue and east of Redwood Street. Properties to the east and north of the subject parcel are outside the City limits. Properties to the south are within the City's Logging Road Industrial Park and property to the south and west is the Graymor/Fred Meyer development. This application has previously been approved by the City Council. The proposal could allow development of the property for highway commercial use. Future development requires City review and must comply with land use laws.

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This measure would approve the annexation of 14.03 acres into the city limits of the City of Canby. The property which would be included within the City boundaries is known as Tax Lot 2200 of Tax Map 3-1E-34B and is located south of Highway 99E, north of SE 1st Avenue and east of Redwood Street. Tax lot 2200 is currently zoned RRRF5 (Rural Residential Farm and Forest - 5 acre Minimum Lot Size). If annexation into the City is approved by the voters, the property would be zoned Highway Commercial as required under the City's Comprehensive Land Use Plan (Comp Plan). Currently, the property contains a tavern, a farm supply store, a nursery and three homes with several accessory structures.

Irene Burden, as owner and applicant, applied to the City of Canby for approval of her annexation request as allowed by Oregon law. The City, following its Charter, has put this matter before the voters for approval.

Under the City of Canby's Comp Plan, the zoning for this property, should it be annexed, is highway commercial. However, annexation alone does not set the future uses to be built on the property. Any development would have to comply with state and local land use laws and would be subject to public review.

The Canby Comp Plan also designates properties for annexation as Priority "A", "B" or "C". Priority "A" properties shall generally be annexed prior to those areas shown as Priority "B" which, in turn, shall generally be annexed prior to those areas shown as Priority "C". The proposed annexation by Irene Burden is designated Priority "B" property, but is the only remaining property zoned Highway Commercial that is not in the City. The Canby Planning Commission approved this annexation application by a 5-0 vote and the City Council approved this application by a 6-0 vote.

Submitted by:  
Chaunee Seifried  
Canby City Recorder - Pro tem

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

## Measure No. 3-55

### BALLOT TITLE

#### MEASURE APPROVING ANNEXATION OF 5.5 ACRES INTO CITY OF CANBY

**QUESTION:** Shall 5.5 acres located on the east side of Redwood Street just north of Highway 99E be annexed into the Canby city limits?

**SUMMARY:** Annexation is the legal process to bring property inside the City limits. Daryl Steve and Margaret Jane Buchanan, as applicants, have asked the City to bring 5.5 acres of land into the City limits. The legal description of the property is Tax Lot 200 of Tax Map 3-1E-34B. It is located on the east side of Redwood Street just north of its intersection with Highway 99E. A portion of the properties to the west of the site are inside the City and are designated low density residential. The other portion of the properties to the west are outside the City limits. Property to the north is outside the City limits. Properties to the south and east, across Highway 99E, are designated highway commercial and commercial manufacturing. The Graymor/Fred Meyer development will be built across highway 99E from the subject property. This application has previously been approved by the City Council. The proposal could allow development of the property for low density residential use. Future development requires City review and must comply with land use laws.

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This measure would approve the annexation of 5.5 acres into the city limits of the City of Canby. The property which would be included within the City boundaries is known as Tax Lot 200 of Tax Map 3-1E-34B and is located on the east side of Redwood Street, north of its intersection with Highway 99E. Tax lot 200 is currently zoned RRRF5 (Rural Residential Farm and Forest - 5 acre Minimum Lot Size). If annexation into the City is approved by the voters, the property would be zoned Low Density Residential as required under the City's Comprehensive Land Use Plan (Comp Plan). Currently, the property contains a residence and outbuildings where the applicants reside.

Daryl Steve and Margaret Jane Buchanan, as owners and applicants, applied to the City of Canby for approval of their annexation request as allowed by Oregon law. The City, following its Charter, has put this matter before the voters for approval.

Under the City of Canby's Comp Plan, the zoning for this property, should it be annexed, is low density residential. However, annexation alone does not set the future uses to be built on the property. Any development would have to comply with state and local land use laws and would be subject to public review.

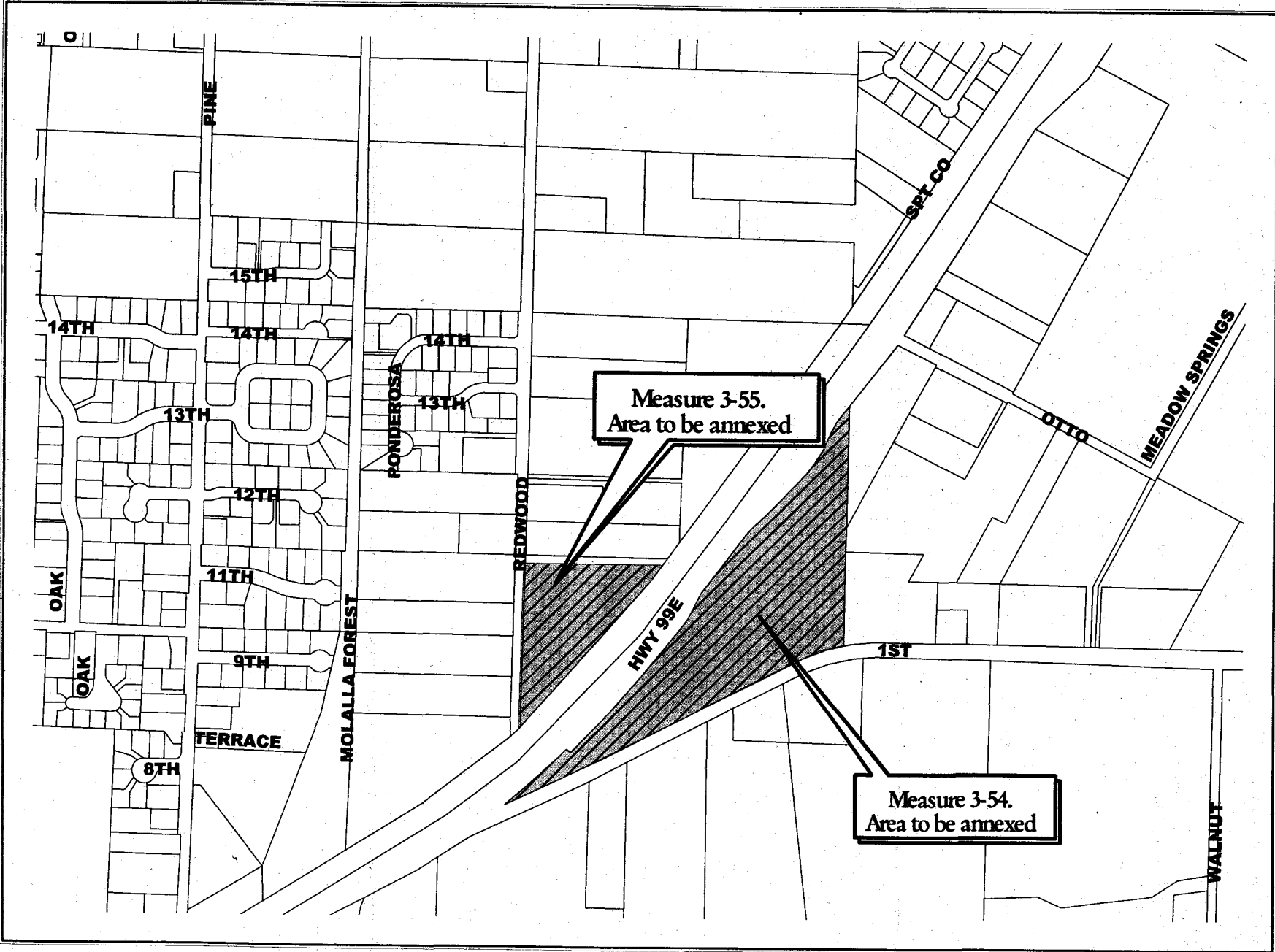
The Canby Comp Plan also designates properties for annexation as Priority "A", "B" or "C". Priority "A" properties shall generally be annexed prior to those areas shown as Priority "B" which, in turn, shall generally be annexed prior to those areas shown as Priority "C". The proposed annexation by the Buchanans is designated Priority "B" property. The applicants are offering to dedicate to the public, sufficient property to realign and widen the intersection of Redwood Street at Highway 99E. The City council felt the offer of dedication was of significant public benefit to approve of this annexation outside of the normal priority classification. The Canby Planning Commission approved this annexation application by a 5-0 vote and the City Council approved the application by a 5-1 vote.

Submitted by:  
Chaunee Seifried  
Canby City Recorder - Pro tem

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



**City Of Canby. Measure 3-54 & 3-55**



# CITY OF ESTACADA

## Measure No. 3-49

### BALLOT TITLE

#### **CHARTER AMENDMENT REQUIRING MAXIMUM SDCs ALLOWED BY STATE LAW**

**QUESTION:** Shall charter require SDCs in the maximum allowable amount and require payment at time of occupancy?

**SUMMARY:** State law allows Estacada to collect system development charges ("SDCs") from applicants for development permits. SDCs compensate the City for the burden which new development places upon public capital improvements such as water, sewer, streets and parks. This measure amends the Estacada Charter. It requires SDCs to be set at the maximum amount allowed by law. It requires that SDCs be paid in full at the time of occupancy.

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

A group of citizens have filed an initiative petition to amend the Estacada Charter. The amendment would require the City to do two things: First, the amendment would require the City to charge the maximum system development charge ("SDC") permitted by law. Second, the amendment would require the city to collect the full SDC assessment at the time of occupancy of the new development.

SDCs are City fees imposed on applicants for new development designed to compensate the City for the burden which new development places upon City infrastructure, such as the water and sewer systems, the storm drain system, and parks. The City's ability to impose SDCs is governed by State law. An SDC must be based upon a methodology which takes into consideration the cost of existing and future capital improvements which will be needed to serve new development. Once a methodology is calculated, the City Council may charge the maximum SDC assessment permitted by the methodology, or may assess a lesser amount. ORS 223.210 requires that SDCs be paid in full at the time of occupancy, but allows the SDC assessment plus interest to be paid in annual installments over a period of up to ten years.

The City of Estacada currently charges SDCs for water, sewer, the storm drain system and parks and allows payment in installments, in accordance with Oregon law. If this ballot measure passes, the amended City Charter will require the City to charge to new development the maximum SDC permitted by the City's methodology, and will require that the City collect the full charge at the time of occupancy of the new development.

Submitted by:  
Andrew Cole  
City of Estacada

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

**IF YOU WANT GROWTH TO PAY ITS FAIR SHARE OF THE COST FOR PUBLIC SERVICES IN ESTACADA -**

**VOTE YES ON MEASURE 3-49!**

Most of the **cost of growth and development are subsidized by taxpayers** through:

- Higher taxes
- Bonds & levies
- Higher service rates

Estacada's mayor and some city council members continue to voice their opinion that increased population will result in an increase tax base and ultimately provide more revenue for Estacada.

HOWEVER, most studies in the 1990's don't support their opinion and Governor Kitzhaber's Task Force on Growth described many recent reports that prove just the opposite.

Recent studies in Oregon have found full recovery costs to provide public services to a new home to be between \$18,000 (W&H Pacific, 1998) to \$33,259 (Fodor, 1998), while **Estacada currently charges only \$3,589.**

SDCs are fees charged to developers designed to compensate the city for:

- The cost of water & wastewater systems, roads and parks.
- Money already spent on unused and available capacity in existing public facilities.

Collecting inadequate SDCs result in:

- Public debt for local services
- Deferred public service maintenance
- Reductions in local public services

**When the taxpayer subsidizes the developers, it further encourages developers to utilize taxpayers to support the their construction projects financially, subsequently encouraging more growth.**

**Measure 3-49 simply requires Estacada to collect SDCs to the extent that Oregon law allows.**

**WHY SHOULD ESTACADA SETTLE FOR LESS THAN OUR FAIR SHARE OF THE COSTS OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS REQUIRED FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT?**

Let's shift more of the cost of growth from Estacada taxpayers to the developer and the new homeowner receiving the benefit of those services.

**VOTE YES ON MEASURE 3-49!**

Submitted by:  
Beverly Veley  
You Have the Right PAC

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# CITY OF ESTACADA

## Measure No. 3-49

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

**ESTACADA HAS THE RIGHT TO DECIDE HOW OUR CITY WILL GROW**

**VOTE YES ON MEASURE 3-49**

Oregon Law allows System Development Charges (SDCs) to be collected from new developments for their fair share of the costs to provide:

- Water systems
- Sewer systems
- Storm drainage
- Streets
- Parks

**Builder and real estate interests lobbied** the state legislature in 1989 to not pay the costs to build or expand schools when the school population increased due to new development.

Then the legislature further prohibited SDCs for fire, library and emergency services.

Experts estimate the full recovery costs to provide public services to a new home actually falls between \$23,013 to \$33,259.

Underestimated SDCs result in local taxpayers **subsidizing developer's** projects by paying **increased taxes, bonds and levies** to maintain the present level of services needed for:

- New schools
- Expanded water & waste water systems
- Street improvements
- Park development
- Expanded library & emergency services

**MEASURE 3-49 ONLY REQUIRES THAT THE CITY OF ESTACADA CHARGE DEVELOPERS SDCs TO THE EXTENT THAT OREGON LAW ALLOWS.**

Approximately 630 new homes and multi-family units, as well as an industrial park are proposed for Estacada in the near future.

Charging the maximum SDCs allowable by Oregon State law will help minimize the impact that these new construction projects will have on public costs and will be paid for by those utilizing those services.

SDCs do not stop or even hinder growth and development, but they do distribute at least some of its infrastructure costs fairly to relieve existing residents of the direct costs of growth.

**THE PROPOSED ESTACADA CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT SIMPLY REQUIRES ESTACADA TO DO WHAT STATE LAW ALREADY AUTHORIZES IT TO DO -**

**ENACT FAIR SDCs**

**LET'S STOP SUBSIDIZING DEVELOPERS!**

**VOTE YES 3-49**

Submitted by:  
John J. Henry  
You Have the Right PAC

**NO ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.**

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# CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO

## Measure No. 3-57

### BALLOT TITLE

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO WIDEN A PORTION OF JEAN ROAD**

**QUESTION:** Shall the City expand Jean Road, between Jean Way and Pilkington Road, to a width of 48 feet?

**SUMMARY:** The City of Lake Oswego proposes improvements to approximately 1300 feet of Jean Road between Jean Way and Pilkington Road, including extending pavement width a maximum of 48 feet to add a center left turn lane. Also proposed are new curbs, sidewalk, bikeway and drainage improvements. The objective is to respond to increased traffic on Jean Road, to promote safety and to implement needed surface rehabilitation.

General plans and map showing the route, width, length and general design of the project will be published in the *Lake Oswego Review* and are available at the Public Affairs Department at City Hall, 380 A Avenue, Lake Oswego, OR 97034 (503) 635-0236.

Provided that a proposed local improvement district is formed, approximately 2/3 of the cost of the widening will be paid by assessments on properties adjacent to the project, with the balance paid with funds from the 1996 road improvement bond issue approved by city voters.

A vote on this project is required by Section 40 of the City Charter.

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The City of Lake Oswego has proposed roadway improvements to a portion of Jean Road, between Jean Way and Pilkington Road because of the increased traffic on Jean Road and to rehabilitate the road surface. The roadway improvement includes widening to 48 feet, new curbs, sidewalk, bikeway and drainage improvements. This roadway improvement is proposed in an effort to improve public safety along Jean Road.

If a local improvement district is formed for the Jean Road Improvement Project, then approximately two-thirds of the cost of the roadway improvement will be paid by assessments upon benefited properties adjacent to the project. The project cost to be paid by the City of Lake Oswego will be from the proceeds of a 1996 road improvement bond issue, previously approved by the city voters.

This matter has been referred to the voters as required by Lake Oswego City Charter, Section 40.

A YES vote will authorize the City to proceed with the Jean Road Improvement Project. A NO vote will not permit the City to proceed with the Jean Road Improvement Project.

Submitted by:  
Kristi Hitchcock  
Public Affairs Director/City Recorder  
City of Lake Oswego

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

# CITY OF OREGON CITY

## Measure No. 3-50

### BALLOT TITLE

#### **ALLOWS CONSTRUCTION OF REGIONAL VISITORS CENTER IN KELLY FIELD**

**QUESTION:** Shall the City allow the construction of a regional visitors center in Kelly Field park?

**SUMMARY:** This measure allows construction of a regional visitors center in Kelly Field park. Section 41 of the City Charter requires voter approval of certain actions taken by the City in City parks, including the construction of permanent buildings, unless the buildings are for recreational purposes or park maintenance. Clackamas County proposes to build a regional visitors center in Kelly Field and, the City Commission therefore submits this measure to the voters of Oregon City for their approval.

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The City Commission of Oregon City has referred a measure to the voters of Oregon City to allow the construction of a regional visitors center in Kelly Field park.

The Oregon City Urban Renewal Agency has coordinated with the City of Oregon City, Clackamas County, the Clackamas County Tourism Development Council, the Oregon City Chamber of Commerce, and the Oregon Trail Foundation to develop a Regional Visitors Center on property owned by the City of Oregon City. The property is commonly known as Kelly Field. Kelly Field is a Charter park and the City Commission may not sell, lease or construct permanent buildings or structures on the park without obtaining approval of the voters of Oregon City.

Approval of this measure would allow construction of the Regional Visitors Center only and would not remove the park from Charter Park status.

Submitted by:  
Jean K. Elliott, City Recorder  
City of Oregon City

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### **VOTE YES FOR VISITOR CENTER**

Oregon City needs your "Yes" vote on this measure. The City Charter says that the voters must approve permanent buildings in parks, except for recreation and maintenance. I wrote that charter section and worked to have the voters pass it. The reason was to make sure that the City Commission did not get carried away and make a mistake which could not be corrected.

Our idea was that voters should have the final say. This measure is exactly what we thought about. If it is a good thing, the voters will say yes. If not, they will say no. The charter is working the way we thought it should.

For most of my life I have been interested in what is good for Oregon City. I am a fourth generation resident of Oregon City and treasure its history. Having a visitors information center is good for us because it will direct people to our historic places. It will show others what we are proud of and at the same time bring clean economic development to our city.

I am proud to have served our city in several public capacities. I am now a member of the County Tourism Development Council which will build and operate the Regional Visitor Center. The center will enhance the End of the Oregon Trail recreational development. It will also direct visitors to the many other attractions in Oregon City and throughout Clackamas County.

Remember, this will not increase your taxes. The cost will be paid from the County hotel tax revenue.

Please vote YES.

Submitted by:  
John C. Caldwell

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## CITY OF OREGON CITY

**Measure No. 3-50****ARGUMENT IN FAVOR****It's good for Oregon City!**

A ballot measure that does **NOT** cost you any money? **And** benefits the whole community? Yes, it's true. A new visitor center is good for Oregon City.

**Preserves our heritage**

Oregon City has a proud history. This Regional Visitor Center is yet one more step toward preserving and maintaining that heritage.

**Tourists will pay**

Funding to build the center will come from the county hotel/motel tax and not from the local taxpayers. The Clackamas County Tourism Development Council has shown interest in paying for the construction and operation of a Visitor Center to be located next door to the End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center. It will provide maps, brochures, business information, and orientation to tourists.

**Clean economic development**

The Regional Visitor Center will bring clean economic development and enhance tourism in Oregon City. Visitors buy meals in our restaurants, fill their tanks at our gas stations, and shop in our stores. These tourists will not require new homes, new schools, sewers, or any new infrastructure. Our neighborhoods will not be impacted.

The new Visitor Center will be adjacent to the End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center. It will support the economic success of the Interpretive Center and the other heritage attractions in our community.

Join us in supporting a YES vote for the new visitor information center that won't cost our city taxpayers a dime!

Submitted by:

**Friends of Heritage**

Claire Met, co-chair  
Greg Wallwork, co-chair  
Doug Neeley  
Jacqueline Wahlstrom  
Jack Lynch  
Forrest Anderson  
Jim Tompkins  
Paul Williams  
Ruth Wedding  
Dan Fowler  
Jayne Sligar  
Bruce Hanson

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR****A New Visitor Center: No city tax dollars!! Great benefits!**

We in the heritage community strongly support building a Regional Visitor Center in Oregon City. Why?

- **It would be a boost to the local economy.** Tourists come to spend money in the local shops, restaurants and museums, and then leave.

- **It would help preserve Oregon City's unique and proud heritage.**

Our attractions and small businesses that operate on a shoestring would get a boost from a Visitor Center that directed tourists to all parts of the city.

- **It would be funded by visitors through hotel/motel taxes and NOT Oregon City tax dollars.** It would be constructed and operated by the Clackamas County Tourism Development Council with lodging tax money collected by the county.

- **It would increase the visibility of the End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center.**

The new Visitor Center would be conveniently located next to the Interpretive Center and add to the attractiveness of the area. About 90,000 visitors visit the Interpretive Center yearly.

- **It would go a long way toward erasing the puzzled looks on visitors' faces.**

Oregon City is a unique place. Visitors need help with directions, maps, brochures and information about services, businesses, and shopping.

Why are we voting on something that costs us no tax dollars? Because the city charter requires us to vote to construct any non-recreational or non-maintenance permanent buildings on city park land.

Your **YES** vote will help preserve Oregon City's unique heritage. Vote **YES** to permit the construction of this important new visitor facility.

Submitted by:

**Your neighbors and historical attractions who are proud to share our heritage with visitors to Oregon City:**

Patrick Harris, Clackamas County Historical Society executive director  
Mary Coats, McLoughlin House, board president  
David Porter, Oregon Trail Foundation executive director  
Bill Brod, Oregon Trail Foundation president  
Alice Norris, Oregon Trail Pageant executive director  
John Keyser, Clackamas Community College president  
Diane Sparks, OC Chamber of Commerce executive director  
Susan Reynolds, OC Chamber of Commerce president  
Rena Adamek

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# CITY OF OREGON CITY

## Measure No. 3-51

### BALLOT TITLE

#### **AMENDS CHARTER, REQUIRES VOTER APPROVAL FOR MOST ANNEXATIONS**

**QUESTION:** Shall the City Charter be amended to require city voter approval of all annexations, except those mandated by law?

**SUMMARY:** This measure would require all annexations of territory to the City to be annexed by the voters of the City. The voters would have to approve any annexation measure before the territory would be annexed to the City. This measure would not apply to certain annexations that the City is required to undertake, such as annexations to abate public health hazards pursuant to ORS 222.900.

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The City Commission of Oregon City has referred a measure to the voters of Oregon City to amend the City Charter to require voter approval of all annexations, except those mandated by law. Annexation brings land outside the City within the City limits with that land becoming part of the City.

Oregon law provides a number of ways to annex property into a city. This measure will require that before any land is annexed into the City of Oregon City, an election is held and the City electors decide in each case whether the City should allow land to be annexed into the City. The only exception would be if the annexation is required by state law, such as, health hazard annexations.

Approval of this measure would require majority approval of all annexation requests except those mandated by law.

Submitted by:  
Jean K. Elliott, City Recorder  
City of Oregon City

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### **PUT YOURSELF IN THE PICTURE. SUPPORT THE CHARTER CHANGE FOR VOTER APPROVAL OF ANNEXATIONS.**

We cannot afford to leave growth decisions in the hands of individual developers, planners or politicians. Our present land use policies and procedures will stay in place. **The only difference is you will have the ultimate veto or approval. Vote YES to change the city charter to establish voter approved annexations.**

#### **TAKE CONTROL!**

How big do you think Oregon City should be? How much will it cost to "grow"? Who should pay the bill for growth? The future of our City depends on the answers to these questions.

#### **CITIZENS ARE THE ULTIMATE ENFORCERS OF GROWTH LIMITS AND PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE.**

You, the voter, should be making the vital decision on "how big" Oregon City is to be. It's not that way now. Individual developers, planners and the City Commission now make the final decisions regarding growth. People who profit by growth, people who are not impacted by growth, or people who may or may not be hurt by growth are deciding "how big".

#### **CHOICES ARE BEST WHEN THOSE WHO PAY THE PRICE MAKE THE CHOICE**

The Governor's Task Force on growth says for every new house built, it costs \$15,000 to \$25,000 to provide fire, police, water, schools, etc., over and above money now collected from developers in System Development Charges. Who pays? You, that's who. If we don't pay, services degrade, and our City becomes less able to sustain itself. You have the vote for city services funded by bonded indebtedness, you should have the vote for debt brought on by annexation?

**24 Oregon cities have seen the light. Isn't it time citizens have a voice in planning the future of Oregon City? Make it so with your vote.**

Submitted by:  
John F. Williams, Jr.  
Edward Allick  
Dan Holladay

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## CITY OF WEST LINN

**Measure No. 3-56****BALLOT TITLE****CHARTER AMENDMENT REQUIRING VOTER APPROVAL OF CERTAIN UTILITY RATE INCREASES**

**QUESTION:** Shall the Charter be amended to require voter approval of certain utility rate increases exceeding 5% in any calendar year?

**SUMMARY:** This measure will amend Section 44 of the Charter which requires voter approval of any water rate increase. The requirement for voter approval is changed to apply to "utility rate increases" that exceed 5% in a calendar year.

The measure defines a "utility rate increase" as the cost increase paid to the City by a user of the sanitary sewer, storm sewer or water systems, excluding the component of a sewer rate increase that is a pass through of an increase in charges paid by the City for sewage treatment. Council must consider a recommendation from the Utility Advisory Board, if one is received, before approving a "utility rate increase" of no more than 5% in any calendar year. The Council does not have to impose a rate increase that is recommended. Rates for each utility will be considered separately. The amount of a "utility rate increase" for any utility over 5% must be approved by the voters.

This measure would not alter the function of the Utility Advisory Board. Citizen members of the UAB would continue to review utility rate issues and make recommendations to the City Council.

All members of the City Council are West Linn citizens and are subject to the same utility rates as all other West Linn citizens. The rate limitations imposed under this measure would apply only to utility services provided by the City of West Linn. Rates for non-City utilities, such as electricity, telephone, cable TV, waste disposal and wastewater treatment are not included and would not be affected.

Submitted by:  
John Atkins  
City of West Linn

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

This measure addresses the issue of voter control over future rate increases for water, sanitary sewer and storm sewer services provided by the City of West Linn. If West Linn voters approve this measure, the City Council could not increase water, sanitary sewer or storm sewer rates more than 5% in a year without voter approval in an election.

Currently there is no limitation on the City Council's authority to increase rates for sanitary sewer and storm sewer services. Water rates currently cannot be increased by the Council in any amount without voter approval.

This measure is in the form of an amendment to the West Linn Charter. If it is approved by the voters, the 5% limitation on City utility rate increases could not be changed by any action of the City Council; only the voters could approve a rate increase greater than 5% in a year.

In previous elections, significant water rate increases - ranging from 37% to 98% - for maintenance and improvements to the water system have either been defeated or repealed. The need for maintenance and repairs has not gone away, and the City's ability to carry out maintenance work that has been deferred for several years is severely restricted.

A small water rate increase of 3.7% approved by West Linn voters last November only covers the cost of operating the water system; it provides no revenue for maintenance projects.

West Linn's only water transmission line from the South Fork water treatment plant in Oregon City needs to be strengthened under the I-205 Bridge. There were three significant leaks in this 24-inch supply line in December and January. Other maintenance needs include replacing concrete-asbestos water distribution pipes in older parts of the city, re-coating water reservoirs and replacing pressure reduction valves.

Rather than ask the voters again for a major water rate increase, the City Council has taken a more conservative approach with this measure, believing that limited annual increases will be easier on the pocketbooks of utility customers, while gradually producing revenue to pay for repairs and maintenance over time.

# CITY OF WEST LINN

## Measure No. 3-56

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### Vote Yes on Measure 3-56 To Limit City Council Authority to Increase Utility Rates!

A **Yes Vote** on Measure 3-56 will send a message from the voters to the City that no utility rate should be substantially raised in West Linn without a public vote. This pro-taxpayer measure is our best bet to protect us from City-sponsored rate increases such as the proposal several years ago to increase water rates by 98%. Measure 3-56 also protects our right in the existing charter to vote on substantial utility rate increases in water and extends that right to sanitary sewer and storm water.

A **Yes Vote** on Measure 3-56 limits the City's ability to raise utility rates, including water, to only 5% per year and even then it has to go through the citizen-based Utility Advisory Board. That's why a **Yes Vote** on Measure 3-56 is a vote to impose fiscal conservatism on the way the city handles utility rate increases.

A **Yes Vote** on Measure 3-56 imposes the 5% limit on the City for water, sanitary sewer and storm water.

A **Yes Vote** on Measure is supported by citizens, voters, neighborhood activists, business leaders, and strong majority of the City Council.

Please support protecting taxpayers' dollars by imposing this rate increase limitation on the City.

Submitted by:  
Dee Burch  
Council President

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### Vote Yes on Measure 3-56

I urge you to vote yes on Measure 3-56 approving a charter amendment allowing only a 5% per utility rate increase for the City of West Linn without a vote of the citizens.

This measure will allow the West Linn City Council to deal with funding the repairs of the water system that are old and breaking in our community.

On December 24, 1998 there was a leak in the main transmission line on the east side of the I-205 bridge in the abutment; our only source for water from South Fork. The cost was estimated at \$25,000.

January 13, 1999 an underground leak in the main transmission line at 17th Street at Atkinson Park occurred. Again, our only source for water from South Fork. The joint separated. The estimated cost of repair was \$15,000.

January 29, 1999 an underground leak at 17th and Main Street erupted. Again, our only source for water from South Fork. This required that a 20-foot section of pipe be replaced for an estimated cost of \$35,000.

February 5, 1999 a pressure reduction valve failed in the Robinwood area. The increased pressure blew an 18" hole in a 6" concrete-asbestos distribution main on Walling Way, flooding two residences.

This charter amendment would allow the voters to control all rate increases greater than 5% annually on water, sewer and storm sewer services. It would allow the City Council to evaluate annually the rates and increase by no more than 5%. If the Council wanted to increase a utility fees more than 5%, then the voters would have the final approval in an election.

This is an example of your City Council looking after the voters' interests and still being able to "run the city like a business".

Submitted by:  
Jill Thorn  
Mayor of West Linn

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