

Measure Explanatory Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet

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Filing Information

Election: Primary 20 16 General 20 _____ Special _____ Measure # 3-479

Ballot Title Caption

Changes status of Wesley Lynn Park; allows easement, public road.

Name of Person responsible for content of 'Explanatory Statement' (as it should appear in the Voters' Pamphlet):

Kattie Riggs, City Recorder

Name of Jurisdiction/Organization Person is authorized to represent (as it should appear in the Voters' Pamphlet):

City of Oregon City

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SIGNATURE

Signature Redacted

3-11-2016

Signature of person responsible for content of 'Explanatory Statement'

Date

MEASURE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

See attached for 'Measure Explanatory Statement' (500 word/number MAX).

For Office Use only:

County: Clark

Signed? Yes No

'Measure Explanatory Statement' attached?

Yes No

Intake Staff Initials:

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Word Count (500 max):

Digital copy? Yes No

Review Staff Initials:

Notice of Measure Election

SEL 802

City

3-479

rev 01/16 ORS 250.035, 250.041,
250.275, 250.285, 254.095, 254.465

Notice

Date of Notice

March 11, 2016

Name of City or Cities

City of Oregon City

Date of Election

May 17, 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.

Changes status of Wesley Lynn Park; allows easement, public road.

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

Shall the status of a portion of Wesley Lynn Park change to allow construction of a public road and utilities?

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

The City Charter requires voter approval for the change in status of a city park and to allow improvements (other than for recreation) in a park. A property owner who owns the property adjacent to the northwest of an undeveloped portion of Wesley Lynn Park wishes to develop a nine lot subdivision and would like to use a portion of the park to build a public road and install utilities at no cost to the City. The road would be located largely in an existing easement and would likely also serve the park in the future, but the City is not in a position to develop the park at this time. In addition, the developer would be granted a fifteen foot wide easement to allow the installation of an underground stormwater drainage facility. Approval of this measure would allow the construction of a public road and utilities in the park, but would not foreclose the use of those roads and utilities by the park in the future or impact the current use of the park.

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.

Name

Kattie Riggs

Title

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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

Signature

3/11/2016
Date Signed

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This measure would allow a property owner adjacent to the northwest end of Wesley Lynn Park to build a new public road on park property and to use a portion of the park to drain stormwater via an underground pipe. These improvements require voter approval because Chapter X of the Oregon City Charter prohibits improvements on park property, other than for recreational purposes, without a vote of the people. It is likely that these improvements would also serve park purposes in the future, but because no improvements are currently planned, the improvements require a vote.

Wesley Lynn Park was created through two purchases of property, the first in 1998 and the second in 2010. The city used funds from park system development charges and other park specific funds. Since the park was purchased, the southeast side of the park was improved with ball fields, but no improvements have taken place on the northwest end of the park. When the City acquired the property, it was subject to an access easement for the property to the west and that property owner now wants to subdivide its property.

At the request of the adjacent property owner, the Oregon City Commission approved sending this measure to the voters and the City's Park and Recreation Advisory Committee has reviewed the proposed road improvements and stormwater improvements and has no objections. The City is likely to improve the northwest side of the park in the future and the improvements authorized by this measure could be used to serve the park uses at that time, but any improvements related to this measure would be made at the sole cost of the neighboring property owner.