

3-5 83

# Notice of Measure Election

City

Notice		
Date of Notice 2/5/2022	Name of City or Cities City of Oregon City	Date of Election May 17, 2022

**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: ELIMINATES NUMBERING OF POSITIONS ON CITY COMMISSION

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

Shall Charter be amended to eliminate numerical positions on Commission, so top vote-getters are elected to Commission regardless of position?

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

The measure, if approved, would replace Sections 7, 8 and 9a of the Oregon City Charter. The current charter designates each seat on the City Commission by number, so that prospective candidates must select in advance the specific position for which they intend to run. The new Charter provisions would eliminate the numbering of positions and, as a result, every two years, the two top vote-getters would be elected, regardless of position. The Commission President would be selected by Commission member name rather than Commission seat number. The measure would take effect with the 2022 general election and for every subsequent general election in even numbered years, the Commission would replace two members of the Commission with the two top vote-getters. If a Commissioner leaves office early, the election to fill the expired term would be held separately. A yes vote would amend the charter and allow electors to vote for up to two candidates from a single list of candidates for the two open Commission seats. A no vote would not change the Charter.

**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 Jakob S. Wiley	Title City Recorder
Mailing Address 625 Center St, Oregon City, OR 97045	Contact Phone 503-496-1509

*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

2/23/2022

Signature	Date Signed
-----------	-------------

**MEASURE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR COUNTY VOTERS' PAMPHLET**

This measure would amend Sections 7, 8, and 9A of the Oregon City Charter relating to how the election of City Commission members occurs. At present, prospective Commission member candidates must select the specific position or seat number that they wish to pursue in advance and may seek only that specific seat. The Commission seat numbers do not correlate to any intercity geographic area or other interest-based representation criteria. A successful candidate is the one who receives the greatest number of votes for the numbered seat selected. A candidate can only run for one particular seat, which may result in a candidate being elected who received fewer votes than a losing candidate who chose to run for a different seat.

If approved, the Charter amendment would eliminate the numbering of positions. Instead, every two years, the electorate would vote for two candidates seeking to join the City Commission from a single pool of candidates. The two top vote-getters would be elected, regardless of position. The election of Mayor will remain unchanged. Candidates seeking selection as Mayor will continue to register their candidacy for Mayor and will be elected after securing the largest number of votes for this position. The charter language has been updated to clarify that a person may not run for both the Commission position and the Mayor position at the same election.

The City Commission, including the Mayor, will then select the Commission President by name by ballot rather than by Commission seat number.

This measure will take effect with the 2022 general election and for every subsequent general election in even numbered years.

In the event that a Commissioner leaves office before the term has expired, the election to fill the expired term will be held separately.

If this measure does not pass, the Charter will remain unchanged and elections for the City Commission will be by seat numbers.

I am the person submitting this Measure Explanatory Statement for the City of Oregon City.

Signature Redacted

2/23/2022

Jakob S.

nd City Recorder for the City of Oregon City