

**Notice of Measure Election
City**

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Notice		
Date of Notice February 22, 2017	Name of City or Cities Corvallis, Oregon	Date of Election May 16, 2017
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 Restricting Sale of Parks and Natural Areas		
Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.		
Shall the City Charter require a vote to approve any sale, transfer or use change of parks and natural areas?		
Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.		
Adds new provisions to the Corvallis City Charter requiring approval by a vote of the electorate prior to any sale, transfer or change of use of city-owned parks or natural areas. Adds new provision prohibiting the use of lands acquired for park or natural area purposes for any other purposes unless that use is both temporary in nature and compatible with park or natural area uses. These compatible temporary uses that do not exceed two years would not require prior approval by a vote of the electorate.		
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? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Authorized City Official Not required to be notarized.		
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<i>By signing this document:</i> → 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.		

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Date Signed

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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT
Charter Amendment Restricting Sale of Parks and Natural Areas

This measure would amend the Corvallis City Charter by adding a new section with two paragraphs related to City-owned parks and natural areas. The text of the proposed amendment follows:

1. Sale or transfer of city-owned parks or natural areas, or any change of use of city-owned parks or natural areas to a use not associated with parks or natural areas, shall only be approved by a prior vote among the electorate.
2. Land that has been acquired for park or natural area purposes shall not be used for any other purposes unless the use is strictly temporary in nature and is compatible with park or natural area use. Such temporary use shall not be subject to vote of the electorate if the temporary use does not exceed 2 years.

The proposed measure would prevent the sale or trade of lands acquired for parks or acquired for natural areas unless the sale or trade is approved in advance by a vote of the people.

The proposed amendment would also require approval by a vote of the people before park lands or natural area lands could be converted to any use that reduces the ability of the public to use the land for the purposes for which the land was originally purchased, donated or otherwise acquired. Some City-owned lands are comprised of both a developed park and a natural area. Park areas that are developed will be treated as a developed park and the Park area that is a natural area will be treated as a natural area (an example is Martin Luther King, Jr. Park).

As examples, conversion of parks land from a playground to a ballfield would not reduce the ability of the public to use the land for parks purposes, and would not require a vote. Conversion of public parks space into administrative office space would require a vote. Conversion of a natural area to a developed park use would require a vote. Parking for public access to a park or natural area is a park or natural area use, and would not require a vote.

The temporary use of a park that does not exceed two years and that is compatible with park uses would not require a vote. The temporary use of a natural area that does not exceed two years and that is compatible with natural area uses would not require a vote. This measure would not require a vote to approve concessions, short-term rentals, facility or area reservations, festivals, tournaments, and other park uses currently allowed in city-owned parks.

Utility or construction work that does not interfere with park or natural area use for more than two years is considered temporary.

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