

Notice of Measure Election

City

MEASURE # 2-120

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Notice		
Date of Notice August 11, 2020	Name of City or Cities City of Philomath	Date of Election November 3, 2020

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: MAYOR AND COUNCIL TERMS AND QUALIFICATIONS

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

Shall the Charter be amended to limit Elected Officers to three four-year terms, staggered Council terms, and longer residency?

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

If adopted by the voters, this Charter Amendment would do the following:
1. Replace current Section 3.4 of the Charter with language establishing staggered, 4-year Council terms. Three Councilors would be elected to 4-year terms in 2022; the other three would continue with two-year terms until 2024. After the 2024 election, all Councilors would serve 4-year terms.
2. Replace current Section 3.5 of the Charter with language establishing a four-year term for Mayor, beginning with the 2024 election.
3. Change current Section 3.8(3), extending the term limits for all Elected Officers (the Mayor and City Council) from the current total of ten years to no more than three four-year terms (with an exception for Council members appointed to fill a part of a Council term of less than two years).
4. Change current Section 3.8(1), extending the residency requirement for Elected Officers from 6 months to 12 months.
5. The complete text of the proposed charter amendment is on file with the City Recorder.

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.

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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.

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Signature

Date Signed

Time 2:20 AM/ (P.M.)
Deputy

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This measure proposes to change the City Charter sections about elective officers in the following five ways:

The City Charter currently provides that the Mayor and City Council all serve two-year terms, with these terms beginning and ending at the same time and on the same election cycle.

1. If this measure is passed by the voters, Councilors would be elected to serve staggered, four-year terms. Three Councilors would serve four-year terms as the result of the 2022 election, with the remaining three Council positions elected to a two-year term. At the end of the two-year term, these three positions would then serve four-year terms.
2. If this measure is passed by the voters, the Mayor would also be elected to a four-year term, beginning in 2024.
3. If this measure is passed, to start these staggered terms, and only for the 2022 election, candidates for Council positions would inform the City Election Official of whether the candidate's preference is to serve a four-year term or a two-year term. If the 2022 election results in six successful candidates, with three whose preference is to serve a four-year term and three whose preference is to serve a two-year term, the new Councilors will serve the term lengths that each one preferred. If the 2022 election results do not align with the candidates' preferences, or if there is any other disagreement regarding who serves which length of term, the three Councilors elected in 2022 with the highest number of votes shall each serve a term of four years, and the three Councilors elected in 2022 with the lowest number of votes shall each serve a term of two years.

The Charter currently requires a person to be a resident for six months to be eligible to be an elected officer. The residency requirement for appointive positions will continue to be six months.

4. If this measure passes, to be an eligible candidate for any elected office, a person would need to be a resident of the City of Philomath for at least 12 months prior to the election.

The Charter currently limits terms to ten years.

5. If this measure passes, all elected officers would be limited to a maximum of three, four-year terms. If a Council member is appointed to fill a vacancy, the term would be counted as a term for the term limit if the appointment is for two years or more, and would not be counted as a term for the term limit if the appointment is for less than two years.

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