

Notice of Measure Election
City

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Notice		
Date of Notice August 4, 2021	Name of City or Cities Corvallis	Date of Election November 2, 2021

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.

Filling City Council Vacancies by Appointment

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

Should the Corvallis City Charter be amended to fill vacant Council positions by appointment rather than by special election?

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

If adopted, this measure would amend Section 34 of the Corvallis City Charter and require the City Council to fill vacant City Council positions by appointment within 60 days of a vacancy, rather than holding a special election. The method of nomination and appointment would be set by ordinance. This measure would not change the requirement to hold a City-wide special election to fill vacancies in the office of mayor. This measure would require the City Council to fill vacant City Council seats within 60 days, require any ordinance setting the appointment process to include nominations from the ward, and include a requirement that the City Council hold a public hearing prior to any appointment. This amendment would minimize the time that constituents in any ward remain unrepresented.

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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August 4, 2021

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City of Corvallis
November 2, 2021 Election

**CHARTER AMENDMENT:
COUNCILOR VACANCIES**

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This measure asks the voters of the City of Corvallis to approve amending Section 34 of the City of Corvallis Charter in a manner that changes the process for filling vacancies in City Council positions so that the City Council would appoint a person from the ward to fill the remainder of the term, rather than by requiring a special election. The proposed amendment would require the City Council to fill the position within 60 days, and to adopt an ordinance setting out the specific procedure for the Council to use when making an appointment. The proposed amendment would require the City Council to invite nominations from the ward, to interview nominees, and to hold a public hearing regarding the nominees, prior to making an appointment. The requirement to hold a City-wide special election would remain in order to fill a vacancy in the office of Mayor.

The current language in Section 34 describes special election processes that depend on when the vacancy occurs in relation to the state election process and the end of the term of office. Following this process, the three most recent City Council vacancies have left wards without a council representative living in the ward for more than 90 days. Depending on the date of the vacancy, special election costs for a single ward election would require the City to pay the cost of the election and any cost for a voters' pamphlet.

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