

Message from the Clerk...

Dear Marion County Voter,

You are receiving this notice because you live in one of the cities or districts that are conducting a November 4 Election. Not all cities and districts are conducting an election this November. All Marion County and Oregon voters will be voting next year in the 2026 May Primary and the 2026 November General Election.

Please review this flyer for important dates and directions for making your voice count. Please contact the County Clerk’s office at 503-588-5041 with any questions. We are here to help.

We offer a free text and email notification service for you to track your ballot. Sign up at www.marioncountyclerk.ballottrax.net/voter or on our website.

Thank you for helping make democracy work by being an informed voter. You are welcome to come visit our office and observe the election processes.

Sincerely,

Bill Burgess
Marion County Clerk

Official Marion County
Ballot Drop Sites

The Marion County drop sites listed below will be open beginning October 15th. On Election Day, November 4th, drop sites will remain open until 8:00 pm. You DO NOT need to apply postage if you use an Official Marion County Drop Box or mail within the United States.

Marion County Clerk 555 Court St NE, Ste 2130 Salem	M-F 8am - 5pm Election Day 7am - 8pm
Woodburn Public Library 280 Garfield St, Woodburn	Curbside Dropbox 24 Hours
Stayton Public Library 592 N First Ave, Stayton	Curbside Dropbox 24 Hours

Registration Deadline for
New Voters

The new Voter registration deadline for this election was October 14, 2025. A voter must be a US citizen, a resident, and at least 18 years old by Election Day. Previously registered Oregon voters can update their registration by Election Night. If a voter spoils or otherwise needs a replacement ballot, or needs help in marking their ballot, they can contact the Clerk’s Office.

Voting Instructions

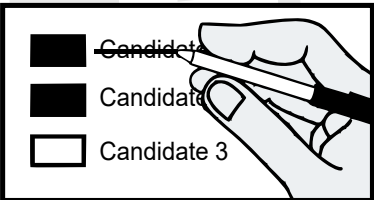
Making selections

Completely fill in the box to the left of your choices. Selecting more than the allowed choices is not permitted. Doing so will result in an overvote and no votes for the contest will be counted. Failing to fill in a box will result in an undervote and no votes for the contest will be counted.



How to correct a mistake

If you make a mistake, draw a line through the measure response or candidate’s name. Then, make the selection that you intended to make. To make your intent clear you may write, “this one” or a “ ” next to the selection of your choice.



Track Your Ballot

Sign up for updates about your Ballot
from the Marion County Clerk

The Marion County Clerk is offering a program to voters in Marion County that allows them to track the status of their ballot through automated notifications.



Participating voters will have the option of receiving text, email, or voice alerts at several points on their ballot’s journey.

If you have any questions about this service, please call the Marion County Clerk’s Office at 503.588.5041.

Sign up today to begin receiving messages:
marioncountyclerk.ballottrax.net/voter

Translation Services

Selected portions of this county voters’ pamphlet are available in Simplified Chinese, Korean, Marshallese, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese. These translations can be found online at oregonvotes.gov/MarionVP

本县选民手册的部分内容提供简体中文版本。可以访问 oregonvotes.gov/MarionVP 获取译本。

주 유권자 pamphlet의 선택된 부분은 한국어 준비되어 있습니다. 번역은 온라인 oregonvotes.gov/MarionVP에서 찾아볼 수 있습니다.

Mōttan melele ko emōj kelet ie ilo peba eo an ribout ilo county ewōr ilo Kajin Majol. Kwōmaron loe ukok kein online ilo oregonvotes.gov/MarionVP

Отдельные части брошюр избирателей этого округа доступны на русском языке. С данными переводами можно ознакомиться в Интернете по адресу: oregonvotes.gov/MarionVP

Algunas secciones de este folleto para votantes del condado están disponibles en español. Estas traducciones están disponibles en línea en oregonvotes.gov/MarionVP

Các phần được chọn trong tập thông tin cử tri quận này có bản ngôn ngữ tiếng Việt. Bản dịch có thể xem trực tuyến tại oregonvotes.gov/MarionVP

Marion County
VOTERS' PAMPHLET

Special Election
November 4 2025



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Measure 24-516 City of Woodburn

City of Woodburn Charter Modernization Amendment

Question: Shall the City of Woodburn amend the existing Charter to modernize, update, and clarify Charter provisions?

Summary: The Woodburn Charter establishes the governmental structure for the City. This measure amends the City of Woodburn Charter of 1982.

Amendments to the Charter would be as follows:

- Change the City Administrator title to City Manager, modify certain powers and duties allocated between the Manager and Mayor, authorize the Council to waive the City Manager residency requirement, and grant appointment and removal authority to the Manager Pro Tem;
- Change the election of the Council President to the first meeting in January following the biennial election;
- Add an emergency contingency for regular Council meetings;
- Add a restriction that to qualify for elected office, such person cannot be a spouse or immediate family member of a regular full-time City employee;
- Modernize text to closely mirror the current League of Oregon Cities Model Charter;
- Remove sections that are not legally enforceable or are covered by state statute; and
- Remove gender specific or binary pronouns.

This measure was referred to the voters by the Woodburn City Council based on the recommendation of the Charter Review Committee.

Explanatory Statement:

The City of Woodburn Charter sets out the organizational structure, powers, functions, and

procedures of the city government. The Oregon Constitution grants “the legal voters of every city and town ... [the] power to enact and amend their municipal charter.” The Woodburn Charter was last reviewed and amended in 1982.

The Woodburn City Council convened a Charter Review Committee to provide input on proposed changes and updates for the Charter. The Committee was comprised of six members, including current and past elected officials of the City and the Executive Director for the Woodburn Area Chamber of Commerce. The Committee met several times in noticed public meetings to develop its recommendations. As part of its work, the Committee studied other city charters, as well as model charters from the League of Oregon Cities and the National Civic League.

The Charter Review Committee recommended that the foundational pieces of Woodburn’s current city government remain the same; keeping the same form of government and number of city councilors, maintaining the councilor ward system, and making no change in how laws are passed.

If passed, the proposed Charter amendments would generally include:

- Changing the City Administrator title to City Manager (Section 21 and references throughout the Charter);
- Modifying certain powers and duties allocated between the City Manager, Mayor, and City Council, including granting the City Manager the exclusive duty of appointing, supervising, and removing all City employees, except the municipal judge and city attorney, and distinguishing the Manager’s administrative role from the Mayor’s role as the political head of the City (Sections 20 and 21);
- Giving the City Council authority to waive the City Manager residency requirement (Section 21);
- Granting appointment and removal authority of city employees to the Manager Pro Tem (Section 21);
- Changing the election of the Council President from the first meeting in December to the first meeting in January following the biennial election (Section 18);

- Adding contingency language for emergencies that prevent the Council from holding its regular monthly meeting (Section 13);
- Adding a restriction that to qualify for elected office, such person cannot be a spouse or immediate family member of a regular full-time City employee (Section 12);
- Updating and modernizing text throughout the Charter to closely mirror the current League of Oregon Cities Model Charter (Sections 3, 8, 13, 15, 25, 30, 31, 32, 38, 40);
- Removing or modifying sections in the Charter that are not enforceable or are covered by state statute, including state public records and meetings, elections, and budget law (Section 13, 21, 38, 40); and
- Removing gender specific, exclusive, or binary pronouns in the Charter and when possible, replacing the pronoun with the title or position from the same sentence or section (Sections 12, 13, 17, 20, 21, 22, 24, 31, and 33).

If the ballot measure does not pass, Woodburn would retain its current city charter.

Full text of the proposed Woodburn Charter amendment is on file at Woodburn City Hall and is available at: <https://woodburn-or.gov>.

No Arguments in
Support or Opposition
were filed