

Notice of Measure Election

City

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Notice

Date of Notice

August 18, 2020

Name of City or Cities

City of Keizer

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.

CITY OF KEIZER NEW HOME RULE CHARTER

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

Shall the City adopt a new home rule Charter replacing the current Charter?

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

The Oregon Constitution grants City voters the right to adopt home rule charters. Charters grant legal authority to cities, specify how ordinances are adopted, list qualifications for officers, and assign duties to city officials. This measure would adopt a new home rule Charter for the City of Keizer and replace the current Charter, which was enacted in 1983.

The City Council referred the new Charter to the voters on the recommendation of a Charter Review Committee.

The new Charter is based on the League of Oregon Cities Model Charter but keeps provisions unique and important to Keizer. The proposed Charter retains the current form of government with a Mayor and six councilors to govern and a city manager to run administrative affairs. The new Charter is updated to be more readable and modernized to more clearly define the legal authority of the City.

The proposed Charter removes current Charter language that is inconsistent with state law, and contains other minor changes.

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.

08/18/2020

Date Signed

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR PRINTING IN THE
MARION COUNTY VOTER PAMPHLET
Election Date: November 3, 2020**

If approved, this measure would adopt a new home rule Charter for the City of Keizer and replace the current Charter, which was enacted in 1983. The Oregon Constitution grants city voters the right to adopt home rule charters. Charters are like a local Constitution. They grant legal authority to cities, specify how ordinances are adopted, list qualifications for officers, and assign duties to city officials.

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The Keizer City Council formed the Charter Review Committee and requested the Committee to review the current Charter and recommend changes. The Committee recommended the new Charter and the City Council has referred it to the voters. The major changes are:

- Passing an Ordinance with one reading currently requires a unanimous vote and the Ordinance needs to be available seven days before the meeting. The revision changes the last requirement to five days to match current Council Procedures.
- Changes the term “elector” to “registered voter” throughout the Charter as registered voter is a more familiar term.
- Retains provision requiring water department revenues to be used for water department expenses.
- Removes Section 44 of the current Charter (Prohibit Minority Status for Homosexuality). Enactment or enforcement of this provision is unlawful under state law.

The new Charter Revision contains other minor changes as well.

A “Yes” vote adopts a new home rule Charter for the City of Keizer and replaces the current Charter. A “No” vote keeps the current Keizer City Charter unchanged.

Total Words: 321

Authorized Signature:
Printed Name: Cathy
Local Government Ur

Title: Mayor