



OREGON
MARION COUNTY
VOTER PAMPHLET

November 3, 2009
Special Election

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Bill Burgess
Marion County Clerk

CITY OF STAYTON

OFFICIAL MARION
COUNTY DROP SITES

Ballots for Marion County voters will only be issued from the County Elections Office, 4263 Commercial St. SE, Room 300, Salem. The following Marion County Ballot Drop Sites are open normal business hours beginning on October 19, 2009 and until 8:00 PM on Election Day, November 3, 2009.

Marion County Elections Office

4263 Commercial St. SE, Room 300, Salem

Stayton Public Library

515 N. First St., Stayton

Turner City Hall

7250 3rd St., Turner

4263 Commercial St. SE, #300, Salem

Phone: 503-588-5041 or 1-800-655-5388

TTY/TDD: 503-588-5610 FAX: 503-588-5383

E-Mail: elections@co.marion.or.us

Website: <http://www.co.marion.or.us/CO/elections/>

If you have a disability or are otherwise unable to mark your ballot, you may contact the Elections Office for assistance.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- **New registrations** needed to be completed and post-marked by October 13, 2009.

If you have questions about registration or voting, contact the Elections Office.

IMPORTANT BALLOT INFORMATION

If a ballot has been delivered to your address and it is addressed to **someone who does not live at your address**:

1. Mark through the address like this:
2. Return to your mailbox, post office or letter carrier.

If a ballot has been delivered to someone at your address **who is deceased**:

1. Mark through the address like this:
2. Write "Deceased" on the envelope.
3. Return to your mailbox, post office or letter carrier.

Notify Marion County Elections BEFORE voting the ballot delivered to you if:

- Your name is different than that on the label; or
- Your residence address has changed; or
- You have added, deleted or changed a mailing address.

REVIEW THE BALLOT PACKET

It should contain the following additional items:

- Printed ballot
- A pre-addressed Return & Secrecy envelope

If any items are missing, contact Marion County Elections.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTING YOUR BALLOT

To make sure your vote counts:

- **DO NOT** use a felt tip pen to mark your ballot. Use a pencil or black ballpoint ink pen.
- Mark the arrow with a single line. Do not make multiple/heavy marks. Vote the ballot on a hard surface.
- To vote on a measure, complete the arrow pointing to either the "YES" or "NO",

LIKE THIS:

NOT THIS: OR THIS

CHECK YOUR BALLOT

- Make sure you have completely filled in the arrow(s) next to your choice(s).
- If you vote **both YES and NO** on a measure, it is called an Overvote. Your vote will not count for that measure.
- You do not have to vote on all contests. Those you do vote on will still count.

RETURNING YOUR VOTED BALLOT

- Place the ballot in the Secrecy envelope, seal it, then place the Secrecy envelope in the Return envelope. Do not remove the label.
- Sign the Voter Statement on the back of the Return envelope. **Your ballot will not be counted if you do not sign your envelope.**
- To return your ballot by mail, place **one first class stamp** on the envelope.
- To return your ballot other than through the mail, you may refer to the list of ballot drop sites. You may return your ballot to any Official Ballot Drop Site in the State.

FOR YOUR BALLOT TO BE COUNTED

- Mark your ballot according to voting instructions.
- Do **NOT** remove any label(s)
- Use your Secrecy envelope.
- Your Return ballot envelope **must be signed**.
- Your ballot must be received in the Elections Office or an Official Ballot Drop Site by 8:00 P.M. on Election Day. **POSTMARK DOES NOT COUNT.**

WHAT IF I . . . ?

What if I make a mistake on my ballot?

If you make a mistake that cannot be corrected, call the Marion County Elections Office and request a replacement ballot. One will be mailed to you provided the request is received within time for mailing. Otherwise, you may pick up a replacement ballot in person.

What if I change my mind after I turn in my ballot?

Your ballot has been cast as soon as you deposit it in the mail or at a drop site. After that, you cannot receive a new ballot.

What if I don't vote on everything on the ballot?

Your ballot will be counted.

What if I don't sign my Return envelope?

Your ballot will be returned to you for your signature, unless there isn't time to return it by mail. In that case, you will need to come into our office and sign it.

CITY OF STAYTON

Referred to the People by the City Council

24-290 MEASURE ADOPTING A REVISED CHARTER FOR THE CITY OF STAYTON

QUESTION: Shall the proposed 2010 City of Stayton Charter be adopted?

SUMMARY: If this measure is adopted, it would provide a new Charter for the City of Stayton. A charter is the fundamental document governing how a city government operates. It is comparable to a constitution. This Charter proposes replacement of the Stayton Charter of 1993 with the 2010 City of Stayton Charter. Many of the provisions contained in the 1993 Charter have either become outdated or are covered by state law. The proposed new Charter would retain many of the same basic provisions as the current Charter, such as the number of council members and the term of office of the mayor and councilors. The proposed Charter would use simplified language with the intention of making the Charter more understandable and easy to use. The proposed Charter would require that annexations over one acre not required by state law must be approved by city voters before the annexations take effect. If approved, the new Charter would take effect January 1, 2010. The Charter may be amended only by a vote of the people.

Explanatory Statement

If approved this measure would adopt the 2010 Charter for the City of Stayton effective on January 01, 2010. The 2010 Charter would replace the existing Charter, approved by Stayton voters in 1993. A Charter Review Committee made up of citizen volunteers, the Mayor and two Council members reviewed the current Charter and made recommendations to the City Council (“Council”).

The Oregon Constitution gives voters the right to adopt a home rule municipal charter, which establishes the form of government, grants authority to the Mayor and Council and sets forth the basic duties and legal obligations for city officials. The Council periodically reviews the Charter and recommends it be updated. Many of the provisions contained in the 1993 Charter have become outdated or are now covered by state law. The proposed 2010 Charter would keep many of the same basic elements as the current Charter, such as the number of Council members and the length of term of elective office.

The proposed 2010 Charter restatement would include the following changes:

- Require voter approval of annexations over one acre, unless the annexation was required to comply with state law.
- Require the Mayor appoint members of commissions and committees established by ordinance or resolution with the approval of a majority vote of the Council.
- Require the office of Mayor or Councilor becomes vacant upon incumbent’s absence from the City for 30 days, or from all Council meetings within a 60-day period without consent of the Council.
- Require the Council by resolution to adopt rules governing compensation, recruitment, selection, promotion, transfer, demotion, suspension, layoff, and dismissal of City employees based on merit and fitness.
- Identify the legislative, administrative and quasi-judicial authority of the Council.
- Contain requirements for ordinance enactment, resolution adoption and order approval.
- Require approval by a majority of the Council at two meetings for enactment of an ordinance.
- Require the duties of the City Administrator to be set by ordinance.

A copy of the proposed 2010 Charter is available on the City’s website at www.staytonoregon.gov or at the Stayton Public Library, 515 N. First Avenue and Stayton City Hall, 362 N. Third Avenue. The Charter may be changed only by a City wide vote of the citizens that live inside the Stayton city limits.

Submitted by:
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No arguments in favor of or opposed to this measure were filed.