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Marion County Voters' Pamphlet Explanatory Statement (MCVP-05)

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Filing Information:

Measure No. 24-527 Election Date: Nov. 3, 2026

Explanatory Statement:

2026 Ballot Explanatory Statement for City of Silverton Charter Amendment Measure

The Oregon Constitution grants the legal voters of every municipality the right to enact and amend their municipal charter. The current charter of City of Silverton was originally adopted by the legal voters of the city in 1940 and last amended by the legal voters of the city in 1985.

The City Council established a community task force that, in collaboration with city's legal counsel, reviewed and evaluated the existing charter to determine whether amendments were warranted. The task force recommended, and the Council approved in Resolution 26-28 adopted 8/5/2026, comprehensive amendments to conform to current Oregon law and the statewide model charter published by the League of Oregon Cities. The Council now refers this measure to the legal voters. If this measure is approved, the city's charter would be amended to reflect the proposed amendments.

Among other things, the proposed amendments would (1) align certain charter sections with the Model Charter; (2) remove or amend certain charter sections to comply with state law or eliminate duplication with state law; (3) clarify and revise certain Council and Mayoral rights, duties, and procedures; (4) clarify and revise certain city manager responsibilities and requirements; and (5) clarify and revise certain municipal judge responsibilities. Specifically, in order to accomplish these goals:

The following sections of the charter would be amended (excluding sections that would only be renumbered):

- Title of Enactment; Boundaries; Construction of Powers; Where Powers Vested; Councilmembers; Mayor; Appointive Officers; Salaries; Qualifications of Elected Officers; Meetings; Record of Proceedings; Proceedings to be Public; Mayor's Function at Council Meetings; President of the Council; Vote Required; Municipal Judge; City Manager; City Manager Vacancy; Powers and Duties of the City Manager; City Manager – Seat at Meetings; Interference in Administration and Elections; Regulation of Elections; Oath of Office; What Creates Vacancy; Filling of Vacancies; Enacting Clause; Mode of Enactment; When Ordinances Take Effect; Condemnation; Improvements; Debt Limit; Repeal of Previously Enacted Provisions; Procedure for Amendment; Time of Effect of Charter.

The following sections of the charter would be repealed:

- Nominations.
- Condemnation.
- The existing charter section titled Mayor would be repealed and incorporated into the charter section Mayor's Function at Council Meetings listed above.

The following sections of the charter would be added:

- As it relates to the distribution of powers and the Council's legislative, administrative and quasi-judicial authority: Distribution.
- As it relates to resolutions: Resolutions – Enacting Clause; Resolution Adoption; When Resolution Takes Effect.
- As it relates to quasi-judicial authority: Orders – Enacting Clause; Order Adoption; When Order Takes Effect.

The full text of the proposed charter amendments is available for public inspection on the City of Silverton website (<https://www.silverton.or.us/media/20201>) and at City Hall.

If approved by the voters, the amendments to the charter will take effect January 1, 2027.

Total Words: 459 (Important: Statement may NOT exceed 500 words)

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