

# Notice of Measure Election

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## Notice

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<b>Date of Notice</b> February 29, 2024	<b>Name of City or Cities</b> City of Tigard	<b>Date of Election</b> May 21, 2014
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**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.

Adopts New Charter for Tigard City Government

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

Shall Tigard adopt a new City Charter that retains current form of government, adds two Councilors, and amends term limits?

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

Summary: In 2023, the City conducted the first comprehensive review and update to Tigard's City Charter since it was adopted in 1962. The City convened a community-led process to review the Charter and develop recommendations. For 8 months, the 14-person Charter Review Committee studied city charters from around the state, state and local laws, and other resources to propose changes for Tigard's City Charter. The committee ultimately proposed a revised Charter. Key proposed changes include:

- Expanding City Council from five to seven members.
- Updating term limits, setting term limits as two consecutive terms as Councilor and two consecutive terms as Mayor, for a total of no more than four consecutive terms.

Other changes would include deferring to state law on areas such as public meetings and elections. The new charter would keep Tigard's same form of government. Elected officials would be elected in the same manner, and laws would be passed in the same way as today.

This measure would not increase Tigard's tax rate.

**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.

Signature

Date Signed

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This measure would adopt a new City Charter for the City of Tigard. A city charter acts as the constitution for the City – it outlines the principles, structures, and processes of government. Like the federal and state constitutions, the City of Tigard's Charter describes the roles and powers of the Mayor, City Council, and City officers, as well as setting the framework for how the City conducts business.

Tigard's existing Charter was approved by voters in 1962. It has been amended several times over the last 62 years but has not been reviewed comprehensively until now.

A community-led Charter Review Committee met 15 times over eight months to review the current City Charter, study charters from around the State, and recommend the proposed Tigard City Charter.

The community-led Charter Review Committee proposed several amendments. If passed, the proposed Charter would, among other things:

- Add two Councilors to City Council. This change would increase City Council to seven members. The total Council would be composed of six Councilors and the Mayor. Most cities the size of Tigard in Oregon have six Councilors.
- Set term limits as two consecutive terms as Councilor and two consecutive terms as Mayor, for a total of no more than four consecutive terms.
- Add a Preamble that explicitly states Tigard's values and claims 'Home Rule' authority.
- Defer to existing state statutes where applicable. The areas impacted by this change would include public records, public meetings, public improvements, elections, and urban renewal.
- Make changes to certain requirements for Councilors, such as creating Charter expectations for how Council conducts itself, eliminating the requirement that a sitting Councilor resign their Council seat to run for Mayor, and shortening the Council President's term from two years to one year.
- Add two new requirements for elected office. In addition to being a qualified elector and resident of Tigard, a candidate would also need to be registered to vote in Tigard and have resided in Tigard for at least one year.
- Require that voter-initiated Charter amendments be held at a primary or general election.
- Remove Section 51 which prohibits the City of Tigard from using water from the Willamette River without voter approval.
- Remove Section 53 which requires the City of Tigard to oppose the construction of a new high-capacity transit corridor without voter approval.

A full copy of the proposed Charter can be found at [www.tigard-or.gov/Charter](http://www.tigard-or.gov/Charter).

If passed, the proposed Charter would go into effect on July 1, 2024. If the proposed measure does not pass, the existing Charter will remain in place and none of the changes described will occur.

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If the proposed Charter is adopted, the financial impact would be due to the addition of two Councilors. Councilors currently receive a stipend of \$7,500 per year. The expected total cost is estimated at \$100,000, including City benefits, travel, and other indirect costs. This would be paid from the City's general fund through existing revenue streams. The proposed Charter would not increase taxes.