

**YAMHILL COUNTY, OREGON
EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR YAMHILL COUNTY VOTER'S PAMPHLET**

Ballot Title Caption: City Charter Amendment Relating to Limitations on City Fees
 Word Count (500 words Max) 309

**CITY OF SHERIDAN
EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

This measure changes a portion of the City Charter that deals with establishing and raising fees. Fees are usually charged to individuals or organizations that are using a specific service provided by the city government. The City Charter requires a vote by the electorate for certain fee increases and to establish new fees. The City Charter requires the vote to be held on a statewide primary or general election, which occur twice in a two-year period.

The proposed change will retain the requirement for a vote to establish a new fee. The vote can be on any state authorized election, of which there are four per year.

The proposed change allows the City Council to increase fees that are equal to the Portland Consumer Price Index as long as that increase is less than 4%. The Consumer Price Index is similar to what is used to determine increases in wages or payments such as social security. The four percent maximum increase would prohibit any city council from making drastic increases in fees.

The change clears up confusing language in the current charter and makes clear that fee increases are required to comply with federal or state mandates, agreements with governmental entities and fee increases by private utilities are not subject to city charter limitations. It also verifies that the City Council may increase a fee to reflect actual increases in third party vendor or material costs.

The change allows the city council to select a construction cost index to increase system development charges, which are fees for new development or new buildings.

The overall change allows the city council to fairly assess costs of fees to those that use the particular service. The ceiling on a fee ensures that any new fee or large increase must be a matter for the electorate to decide.

Statement submitted by:
Francis D. Sheridan

(Name of person responsible for the statement)
City Manager

(Title of person responsible for the statement)
Sheridan City Council

(Governing Body person represents)



(Signature of person responsible for the statement)

Feb 6, 2014

(Date of Signature)

Notice of Measure Election

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SEL 802
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 250.275, 250.285, 254.095, 254.465

City

Notice

Date of Notice Jan 29, 2014	Name of City or Cities City of Sheridan	Date of Election May 20, 2014
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The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the city's voters.

Final Ballot Title Notice of receipt of ballot title has been published and the ballot title challenge process has been completed.

Caption 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure

City Charter Amendment Relating to Limitations on City Fees

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

Shall the City Charter be Amended to Clarify and Modify Limitations on Fee Increases for City Services?

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

The City Council has proposed an amendment to Section 50 of the City Charter that:

1. Permits a vote on proposed fee increases at any state authorized election.
2. Limits discretionary fee increases to the lower of the Portland CPI index or 4% per year.
3. Clarifies that fee increases required to comply with federal or state mandates, agreements with governmental entities, and fee increases by private utilities are not subject to the charter limitation.
4. Permits discretionary increases to reflect actual increases in third party vendor or material costs.
5. For new development, allows changes in system development charges to reflect a construction cost index selected by the City Council.

Explanatory Statement 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect, if required attach to this form

If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be submitted for any measure referred by the city governing body and if required by local ordinance, for any initiative or referendum.

Measure Type	County producing voters' pamphlet	Local ordinance requiring submission	Explanatory statement required
<input type="checkbox"/> Referral	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Initiative	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Referendum	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Authorized City Official Not required to be notarized

→ 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.

Name <i>Irish Henderson</i>	Title <i>City Recorder</i>	Work Phone <i>503-843-2347</i>
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<i>Irish Henderson</i> Signature	<i>Feb. 6, 2014</i> Date Signed
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