

INFORMATION

To be eligible to vote in the November 3, 2009 election, a completed voter registration card must be on file with the Yamhill County Clerk by not later than 5:00 p.m., October 13, 2009.

YOU MAY REGISTER TO VOTE IF:

- You are a citizen of the United States.
- You will be 18 years of age or older on election day.
- You are a resident of Oregon.

YOU MUST REREGISTER TO VOTE IF:

- Your residence or mailing address changes.
- Your name changes.
- You wish to change party affiliation.

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

When you get your ballot packet in the mail after October 16, 2009 immediately examine it to make certain it is complete. It should contain the following items:

- A printed ballot on which you may vote your choice;
- A secrecy envelope with voting instructions printed on it;
- A pre-addressed blue trimmed return envelope in which to return your ballot;
- This Yamhill County Voters' Pamphlet.

If any items are missing, contact the Yamhill County Clerk's Office, at 503-434-7518, and a replacement ballot packet will be sent to you.

VOTING YOUR BALLOT

- To vote "yes" or "no" on a measure, with a blue or black ball point pen, simply fill in the box next to the vote of your choice.
- If you make an error on your ballot, spoil it in any way or lose it, you may obtain a replacement ballot by contacting the Yamhill County Clerk's Office at 503-434-7518.

RETURNING YOUR VOTED BALLOT

- Follow the instructions on the secrecy envelope.
- Fold your ballot along the pre-scored fold and insert it into the secrecy envelope.
- **SEAL** the return envelope and **SIGN** the statement on the back of the envelope. **Your ballot will not be counted if your envelope is not signed.**

IMPORTANT NOTE: IF YOU HAVE MOVED OR YOUR NAME HAS CHANGED AND YOU HAVE NOT YET REREGISTERED, YOU MAY STILL BE ABLE TO DO SO. CONTACT THE YAMHILL COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.

**IMPORTANT: YOUR BALLOT
WILL NOT BE COUNTED IF IT IS
NOT RECEIVED IN TIME**

NOTICE

**YOU MAY DELIVER YOUR VOTED
BALLOT POSTAGE-FREE TO THE
FOLLOWING
OFFICIAL DROP SITES:**

**Lafayette City Hall
486 3rd St (99W)
Lafayette
Open 24 Hours**

**Yamhill County Clerk's Office
414 NE Evans St
McMinnville
Drop Slot Open 24 Hours**

**Courthouse
535 NE Evans St
McMinnville
Open Regular Business Hours**

**Drive Up Drop Box
Jail Parking Lot
Enter 5th & Ford, Exit 6th & Galloway
Open 24 Hours**

**ELECTION DAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2009
DROP SITES WILL BE OPEN
UNTIL 8:00 P.M.**

**BALLOTS MUST BE RETURNED TO
AN OFFICIAL BALLOT DROP SITE
OR TO THE
YAMHILL COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE
BY 8:00 P.M., NOVEMBER 3, 2009**



**COUNTY OF YAMHILL
VOTERS' PAMPHLET
NOVEMBER 3, 2009
SPECIAL ELECTION**

**CITY OF LAFAYETTE
CHARTER AMENDMENT**

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COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE, 503-434-7518 FOR
FURTHER INFORMATION.**

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A RESOLUTION REFERRING A CHARTER AMENDMENT TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF LAFAYETTE TO ESTABLISH A DEBT LIMITATION FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-10

WHEREAS, Section 40 of the City Charter requires that the City may not disburse, or obligate for expenditure, funds in excess of \$1,000,000 on a capital improvement project unless such disbursement or obligation has been first approved by the voters of the City; and

WHEREAS, Section 40 precludes certain public improvement projects that cost more than \$1,000,000 unless an election is held, which could deprive the City of the benefits of state and federal grants; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that it is in the best interests of the citizens of Lafayette to substitute a debt limit for the current expenditure limit so as to enable the City to benefit from grant funding; now, therefore,

The City Council of the City of Lafayette resolves as follows:

1. The City Council approves and proposes that Section 40 of the Lafayette City Charter be amended to read as follows:

“Section 40. Limit on Debt for Capital Improvement Projects. The City may not incur a debt in excess of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) for any capital improvement project unless incurring such obligation has been first approved by the voters of the City. For the purposes of this section, “Debt” shall include a general obligation bond, a revenue bond or other loan obligation, and “Capital Improvement Project” shall mean a community facility or a facility used for water supply, storage, treatment or distribution; sewage and wastewater collection, treatment or disposal; drainage and flood control; transportation; or parks and recreation.”

2. The City Council directs that the above Charter amendment be referred and submitted to the voters of the City of Lafayette at the November 3, 2009, election.
3. The City Council approves the ballot title for the above Charter amendment measure attached and incorporated as Attachment A.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Lafayette this 9th day of July, 2009.

APPROVED: Chris Pagella, Council President

ATTEST: Diane Rinks, City Administrator

REFERRED BY THE CITY OF LAFAYETTE MEASURE 36-138

AMENDS LAFAYETTE CHARTER TO ESTABLISH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT DEBT LIMITATION.

QUESTION: Should the Lafayette Charter be amended to establish a debt limitation of \$1,000,000 on capital improvement projects?

SUMMARY: Lafayette City Charter Section 40 currently provides that the City may not spend in excess of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) for capital improvement projects unless such obligation has been approved by the voters. This proposed amendment would substitute a debt limit for the current spending limit by requiring an election before the City may incur a debt in excess of \$1,000,000 for any capital improvement project. If passed, the City could finance a capital improvement with saved or earmarked funds, federal or state grants, or “stimulus” money, without a vote of the people; but, before the City could incur in excess of \$1,000,000 of debt, it would have to have voter approval. For this amendment, “Debt” includes the dollar amount of a general obligation bond, revenue bond or other such loan to the City. Applicable projects would include City-financed community facilities such as a fire station, community center, library or City Hall, or public facilities for water supply, storage, treatment or distribution; sewage collection, treatment or disposal; drainage; transportation; or parks.

NO ARGUMENTS HAVE BEEN FILED

IN SUPPORT OR IN OPPOSITION

TO THIS MEASURE

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT MEASURE 36-138

Lafayette City Charter Section 40 currently provides that “[t]he City may not disburse, or obligate for expenditure funds in excess of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) on a capital improvement project unless such disbursement or obligation has been first approved by the voters of the City.” It then goes on to define what is meant by “Capital Improvement.” This represents a spending limit which could hinder the City’s ability to receive grants to pay for capital improvement projects. The proposed Charter amendment would substitute a debt limitation for the current spending limit by requiring approval of the voters of the City before incurring additional debt in excess of \$1,000,000 for any capital improvement project. Under the current charter, with the exception of General Obligation Bonds, the City Council can incur debt with no requirement to submit the question to the voters for approval. This was the case for the \$5,800,000 loan for the new wastewater treatment plant in 2000. If the proposed Charter amendment passes, the City would be allowed to finance a capital improvement with saved or earmarked funds, federal or state grants, or even “stimulus” money, without a vote of the people. It could also incur debt up to \$1,000,000 to help finance such a project. However, it would require voter approval before the City could incur additional debt in excess of \$1,000,000. For this amendment, “Debt” includes the dollar amount of a general obligation bond, revenue bond or other such loan to the City. The definition of “Capital Improvement Projects” would include City-financed community facilities such as a fire station, community center, library or city hall. The definition would also include public facilities for water supply, storage, treatment or distribution; sewage collection, treatment or disposal; drainage; transportation; or parks and recreation.