

To vote for a candidate whose name is printed on the ballot, with a blue or black ball point pen, simply color-in the box next to the candidate of your choice. You can also put an "X" or a "✓" mark in the box, but be sure to stay within the outline of each box with your mark. Just about any mark in the box will be picked up as a vote, so be careful not to drag your pen down your ballot.

To vote for a candidate whose name is **not** printed on the ballot, under the heading of the correct office, write the person's name on the (WRITE-IN) line provided, and fill-in the box beside the words "Write In". You must fill-in or mark in the "Write In" box to insure that your write-in vote is tallied.

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STATE

Governor
Vote for ONE

Cesar Chavez - D
 Susan B. Anthony - R
 Mark Twain - W

CITY

Mayor
Vote for ONE

Charles Dickens - R
 Martha Washington - D
 Write In
Past Huntington

VOTING YOUR BALLOT

To vote "yes" or "no" on a measure, with a blue or black ball point pen, simply color-in the box next to the vote of your choice.

YES

NO

County Clerk's Office hours are
9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M.
Monday – Friday.

Election Day, November 8, 2011,
7:00 A.M. until 8:00 P.M.

REFERRED BY THE CITY OF NEWBERG MEASURE 36-149

CHARTER AMENDMENT CHANGING ELECTION/REFERENDUM REQUIREMENTS FOR TAXES, FEES, CHARGES.

QUESTION: Should charter require special election to approve increases in taxes, fees, other charges whenever requested by five or more electors?

SUMMARY: Amends Charter: Under current law, citizens may seek voter approval of municipal legislation by filing referendum petition signed by ten percent of electors. Also, council may refer such decisions to voters for approval. Council may approve fees or charges by non-legislative resolutions or orders. This measure requires special election to approve any "increased taxes, fees or other charges" whenever requested by five or more electors within 90 days of action. Provisions apply to any "new" or increased taxes, fees, and charges adopted after December 31, 2008, except certain limited improvement district charges. Majority approval must be obtained in special election held within 30 days of request and with at least fifty percent voter turnout. Otherwise, challenged increase is rejected. Measure also authorizes council to refer to voters increased taxes (current law), fees and charges (arguably new) and set election date. Measure limits information on ballot title. Requires monthly publication of all adopted taxes, fees and charges. Requires attorney fees award if elector "prevails" (defined) in enforcement action. For full copy of amendment, see www.newbergoregon.gov.

CITY OF NEWBERG MEASURE 36-149 EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This measure has been referred to voters through the initiative process and would amend the City Charter to provide an additional process for the approval of taxes, fees or charges.

The current process for taxes, fees and charges includes public review.

- For Example: A seven-member Citizen Rate Review Committee reviews any proposed increase in utility rate fees or charges at a public meeting. Their recommendations are given to the elected seven-member city council for further review and deliberation before decisions are made.
- Proposed taxes (room tax), fees (permits, applications, utility and building inspection) and charges (public records, system development or meter installation) are modified, approved or denied by the City Council.
- Voters must approve most new or increased taxes, such as property taxes for capital improvement bonds or levies, under current law.

Measure 36-149 would require:

- Any increase in taxes, fees or charges made by the City Council be referred to a special election whenever requested by five or more electors.
- A special election to be held within 30 days of a request by five or more electors.
- Approval of a majority of voters with a minimum 50% voter turnout.
- Monthly publication of all adopted taxes, fees or charges in the local newspaper.
- The City to pay for attorney fees if an elector prevails in enforcement action.

If Measure 36-149 is approved:

- This amendment would be retroactive to any taxes, fees or charges adopted after December 31, 2008, and would go to a special election if requested by five or more electors. Some of those taxes, fees and charges have been collected and spent.
- The City would request a court ruling concerning a special election within 30 days. At present, elections are conducted through the County Clerk pursuant to State law, which requires ballot measures to be filed more than 30 days prior to an election.
- The City would be responsible for election costs except May and November elections every other year (even-numbered years).

If Measure 36-149 is not approved, no amendment to the City Charter would occur.

VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

To be eligible to vote in the November 8, 2011, election, a completed voter registration card must be on file with the Yamhill County Clerk by not later than 5:00 p.m., October 18, 2011.

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 21, 2011, 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 or 503-554-7850 from Newberg, and a replacement ballot packet will be sent to you.

VOTING YOUR BALLOT

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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 or 503-554-7850.

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:

Amity City Library 307 S Trade St. Amity Open 24 Hours	Carlton City Hall 191 E Main St. Carlton Open 24 Hours
Dayton City Hall 416 Ferry St. Dayton Open 24 Hours	Dundee City Hall 620 SW 5 th St. Dundee Open 24 Hours
Lafayette City Hall 486 3 rd St. (99W) Lafayette Open 24 Hours	Newberg Public Safety Parking Lot, Howard Street, Newberg Open 24 Hours
Chehalem Park Pool 1802 Haworth Ave. Newberg Open 24 Hours	Sheridan City Hall 120 SW Mill St. Sheridan Open 24 Hours
Willamina City Hall 411 NE C St. Willamina Open 24 Hours	Yamhill City Hall 205 S Maple St. Yamhill Open 24 Hours
Courthouse- Jail Parking Lot McMinnville Open 24 Hours	Yamhill County Clerk Hours: 9:00AM-5:00PM 414 NE Evans St. McMinnville

**ELECTION DAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2011
ALL 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 8, 2011**



SPECIAL ELECTION

**COUNTY OF YAMHILL
VOTERS' PAMPHLET
NOVEMBER 8, 2011**

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