



Measure 2-126 Charter Amendment on November 3 General Election

Outcome of Measure 2-126 will not impact the 2020 City Council

In addition to electing Philomath's Mayor and City Council, the November 3rd election ballot will have a measure for citizens to vote on. This measure would make a change to the Philomath City Charter but would not take effect until the next General Election in November 2022. The measure was forwarded to the Philomath voters by the City Council, and the Charter can only be changed if the Philomath voters approve it.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT MEASURE 2-126

This measure proposes to change the City Charter sections about elective officers in the following five ways: The City Charter currently provides that the Mayor and City Council all serve two-year terms, with these terms beginning and ending at the same time and on the same election cycle.

1. If this measure is passed by the voters, Councilors would be elected to serve staggered, four-year terms. Three Councilors would serve four-year terms as the result of the 2022 election, with the remaining three Council positions elected to a two-year term. At the end of the two-year term, these three positions would then serve four-year terms.
2. If this measure is passed by the voters, the Mayor would also be elected to a four-year term, beginning in 2024.
3. If this measure is passed, to start these staggered terms, and only for the 2022 election, candidates for Council positions would inform the City Election Official of whether the candidate's preference is to serve a four-year term or a two-year term. If the 2022 election results in six successful candidates, with three whose preference is to serve a four-year term and three whose preference is to serve a two-year term, the new Councilors will serve the term lengths that each one preferred. If the 2022 election results do not align with the candidates' preferences, or if there is any other disagreement regarding who serves which length of term, the three Councilors elected in 2022 with the highest number of votes shall each serve a term of four years, and the three Councilors elected in 2022 with the lowest number of votes shall each serve a term of two years.

The Charter currently requires a person to be a resident for six months to be eligible to be an elected officer. The residency requirement for appointive positions will continue to be six months.

4. If this measure passes, to be an eligible candidate for any elected office, a person would need to be a resident of the City of Philomath for at least 12 months prior to the election.

The Charter currently limits terms to ten years.

5. If this measure passes, all elected officers would be limited to a maximum of three, four-year terms. If a Council member is appointed to fill a vacancy, the term would be counted as a term for the term limit if the appointment is for two years or more, and would not be counted as a term for the term limit if the appointment is for less than two years.

Questions regarding the measure can be directed to any member of the City Council or you may contact the City Manager's Office at 541-929-6148.



Inclusivity & Diversity Speaker Series Presents:

OREGON HISTORY OF RACISM & JUSTICE

October 8th at 7:00 PM

Understanding how both racism and justice are at the heart of Oregon's history are crucial to our ability to build a better future. In this presentation, OHS Executive Director Kerry Tymchuk and OHQ Editor Eliza Canty-Jones offer an overview of this importance of these subjects and invite attendees to access OHS resources for more learning.

SILETZ TRIBAL HISTORY & CUSTOMS

October 20th at 7:00 PM

Presented by Robert Kentta, Cultural Resources Director for The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians.

These presentations will be live streamed on the City's Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/cityofphilomath>

This is a public page and does not require a Facebook account to access. If you would like to view the presentation and do not have access to the internet, please contact the City Manager's Office at 541-929-6148 for arrangements.



LIBRARY WALK UP SERVICE ADDED

The Philomath Library will be offering walk up service beginning Tuesday, September 29th. Patrons won't be able to come in the building to browse at this time, but they can pick up holds at the door. New hours will be posted on the City's website as soon as available.

What's on the Calendar ...

A round-up of projects and issues City committees are currently working on and discussing.

Public Works Committee: Tree Board requests and review of water, sewer & storm drain SDC methodology reports. Oct. 1 at 3:00 PM

City Council Special Meeting: Public hearing on The Boulevard Reimbursement District. Oct. 5 at 7:00 PM

Inclusivity Ad Hoc Committee: Education, events, outreach and coordination with other public entities. Oct. 6 at 6:00 PM

Park Advisory Board: Millpond Crossing Park and Paul Cochran Veterans Memorial Park planning. Oct. 8 at 5:00 PM

City Council: Transfer of South 15th Street from County to City, Budget resolution to accept USDA grant, and more. Oct. 12 at 7:00 PM

Planning Commission: Oct. 19 at 6:00 PM (if needed)

Inclusivity Ad Hoc Committee Listening Session: Oct. 20 at 6:00 PM

City Council meeting: Oct. 26 at 7:00 PM (if needed)

These meetings are being held electronically via Zoom. The public may watch the live feed of the meeting on the City's Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/cityofphilomath>

This is a public page and does not require a Facebook account to access. Contact City Hall to make viewing arrangements if you do not have access to the internet.

See the calendar on the City's website for full meeting agendas.

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FALL LEAF PICKUP KICKS OFF OCT. 22ND

Like clockwork, the leaves on your trees know it's fall and start drifting to the ground. Now is a good time to make plans for disposing of them.

While leaf removal is the responsibility of property owners, the following options are available:

Leaf Drop-off at Public Works: Loose leaves can be hauled to the Public Works Compound and disposed of for free. This service is for Philomath citizens only and is not a commercial leaf drop site. LEAVES ONLY. PLEASE NO STICKS, BRANCHES, BAGS OR TRASH.

Yard Debris Cart: Republic Waste provides a yard debris cart with garbage service. Debris carts are now emptied every week year round. Placing a few leaves in the cart every week can make that pile go away quickly.

Curbside Pickup by Republic Waste: Republic Waste provides curbside pickup of loose leaves five dates per year in Philomath. This year those dates are:

Oct. 22; Nov. 5 & 19; Dec. 3 & 17

More information about how, when and where to prepare your leaves for pick-up on curbed streets is available at:

<https://tinyurl.com/PhilomathLeaves>