



Legal Ad – Receipt of Ballot Title

City of Beaverton

Notice of Receipt of Ballot Title

Notice is hereby given that a ballot title for an initiative petition has been filed with the City Recorder of the City of Beaverton on June 20, 2018. The ballot title is as follows:

Election of Mayor and City Councilors by Instant Runoff Voting

Question: Should the Beaverton City Charter be amended to require the election of Mayor and City Councilors by instant runoff voting?

Summary: This measure would amend the City Charter and have voters elect the Beaverton Mayor and City Councilors by instant runoff voting. Instant runoff voting, also known as ranked-choice voting, has voters rank candidates for an elective office in order of preference.

If adopted, voters would rank candidates for a specific elective position on their ballots. If no candidate wins an outright majority, the last-place candidate is eliminated and those votes transferred to remaining candidates based on the second preference stated on those ballots. The process repeats until one candidate receives a majority of the top-ranked votes cast for continuing candidates.

If adopted, Mayor and City Councilor elections would be held at the November general election, without a May primary election. The measure also directs that Council establish by ordinance the ballot format and rules for casting and counting ranked-choice votes.

If the measure is not adopted, voters will continue to elect Mayor and City Councilors by majority vote through a primary election held in May and general election held in November.

The City Recorder has determined this measure meets the requirements of section 1(2)(d) and (5) of Article IV of the Oregon Constitution. An elector may file a petition for review of this ballot title in the Washington County Circuit Court no later than 5:00 P.M. on June 29, 2018.

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