
CHARTER OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON

CHAPTER 11

SPECIAL SERVICES

ARTICLE 1. WATER WORKS**Section 11-101. General Authority.**

The City may construct, reconstruct, purchase or otherwise acquire, keep, maintain, improve, alter and change water works and all plants and facilities found appropriate by the Council for furnishing water to the City, its property, its inhabitants, and the places and people along or in the vicinity of the pipes, conduits or aqueducts constructed or used for that purpose. The City may acquire by purchase or otherwise, own and possess real and personal property or interests therein, within and without the limits of the City, which the Council finds necessary or convenient. The Council may establish and maintain headworks and supply sources, with all convenient reservoirs, tanks, pumps, supply systems, distribution and related facilities, including land and interests in land, may enter into mutual aid agreements with other government entities, tribes and utilities; and may acquire other water systems serving property within present or future boundaries of the City. The Council may make all necessary expenditures to carry out these purposes and may enter into contracts for supply of water by the City or supply of water to the City or its inhabitants. Any surplus water may be sold to persons, public or private, outside the City, on terms and conditions the Council finds appropriate. [New sec. Nov. 8, 1966.]

EXHIBIT B**BALLOT TITLE****CAPTION:**

Amends Charter: Authorizes City participation in emergency mutual aid agreements.

QUESTION:

Shall Charter be amended to authorize emergency mutual aid agreements between the City and other government entities, tribes or utilities?

SUMMARY:

The measure amends the Charter by clarifying Council authority to enter into and fund mutual aid agreements to provide or receive emergency assistance between the City and other government entities, tribes or utilities following a significant natural disaster or other major disruption to water-related services. Mutual aid agreements permit emergency responders to lend assistance across jurisdictional boundaries when an emergency response exceeds local resources. Mutual aid agreements typically address the furnishing of personnel, equipment or expertise in a specific manner when an emergency occurs.