
CHARTER OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON

CHAPTER 11

SPECIAL SERVICES

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

The City may construct, rehabilitate, reconstruct, purchase or otherwise acquire, keep, maintain, improve, alter and change water works and all infrastructure 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 permit or prohibit incidental use by the general public of such lands outside of the Bull Run Watershed Closure Area; may maintain such lands when used for incidental purposes; 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; am. Dec.4, 2019.]

BALLOT TITLE**CAPTION:**

Amends Charter: Authorizes incidental public use, lands outside Bull Run.

QUESTION:

Shall Charter be amended to authorize Council to allow incidental public use of City lands outside the Bull Run Watershed?

SUMMARY:

The measure amends the Charter by clarifying Council authority to permit or prohibit incidental uses by the general public of City lands controlled by the Water Bureau , provided the lands are outside of the Bull Run Watershed Closure Area. Incidental public uses may include green spaces, community gardens or other functions that do not conflict with the primary drinking water purpose of these lands, when approved by Council. The public's incidental use may result in associated costs to the Water Fund, including funding for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act which imposes accessibility requirements for equitable access when lands are used by the general public.

The measure will not impact City lands in the Bull Run Watershed Closure Area.

BALLOT TITLE**CAPTION:**

Amends Charter: Authorizes incidental public use, ~~non-~~lands outside Bull Run ~~lands~~.

QUESTION:

Shall Charter be amended to authorize Council to allow incidental public use of City lands outside the Bull Run Watershed?

SUMMARY:

The measure amends the Charter by clarifying Council authority to permit or prohibit incidental uses by the general public of City lands controlled by the Water Bureau ~~for use in the City's water system~~, provided the lands are outside of the Bull Run Watershed Closure Area.

Incidental public uses may include green spaces, community gardens or other functions that do not conflict with the primary drinking water purpose of these lands, when approved by Council.

The public's incidental use may result in associated costs to the Water Fund, including funding for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act which imposes accessibility requirements for equitable access when lands are used by the general public.

The measure will not impact City lands in the Bull Run Watershed Closure Area.