

## Measures 1990 to 1999

Election Date	Subject		
11/03/1992	Revises Procedures for Making and Financing Local Improvements <i>Amend Charter Chapter 9</i>	Yes No	149,539 42,483
05/17/1994	<a href="#">Clarifies Existing Duties and Responsibilities of City Auditor</a> <i>Amend Charter Chapters 2, 7, 8 - Measure Referred to Voters by City Council</i>	Yes No	69,519 11,916
05/17/1994	<a href="#">Removes Outdated Elections Procedures from City Charter</a> <i>Amend Charter Chapter 3 - Measure Referred to Voters by City Council</i>	Yes No	68,749 13,522
05/17/1994	<a href="#">Amends Procedures to Collect Delinquent Assessment Installment Contracts</a> <i>Amend Charter Chapter 9 - Measure Referred to Voters by City Council</i>	Yes No	60,380 20,756
11/08/1994	<a href="#">General Obligation Bonds for Park Repairs and Improvements</a> <i>Measure Referred to Voters by Council</i>	Yes No	113,800 58,277

05/21/1996	<a href="#">Establish Term Limits for City's Elective Offices</a> <i>Amend Charter Section 2-01 - Initiative Petition</i>	Yes  <b>No</b>	40,572 57,305
11/03/1998	<a href="#">General Obligation Bonds for Park Capital Renovation, Improvements, and Construction</a> <i>Measure Referred to Voters by Council</i>	Yes  <b>No</b>	81,389 83,190
11/03/1998	<a href="#">General Obligation Bonds for Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Services Facilities</a> <i>Measure Referred to Voters by Council</i>	<b>Yes</b>  No	99,619 64,610

### **1994 Auditor Responsibilities**

This measure appeared on the May 17, 1994 Primary Election Ballot

BALLOT TITLE

CAPTION: Clarifies Existing Duties and Responsibilities of the City Auditor

QUESTION: Shall Charter be amended to clarify the existing duties and responsibilities of the City Auditor?

SUMMARY: The Charter lists four basic duties and responsibilities of the City Auditor. These are audits, elections, maintenance of public records and certifications of official documents. Existing Charter provisions are outdated and written in a confusing manner. The proposed Charter amendments consolidate and reorganize existing Charter provisions. Unnecessary Charter language is removed. Procedural matters are referred to City Code, Charter provisions relating to accounting procedures are transferred to Chapter 7 and made the responsibility of the chief financial officer consistent with current practices.

### **1994 Outdated Elections Procedures**

This measure appeared on the May 17, 1994 Primary Election Ballot

BALLOT TITLE

CAPTION: Removes Outdated Elections Procedures From City Charter

QUESTION: Shall the City Charter be amended to delete outdated elections procedures?

**SUMMARY: Removes outdated election procedures. Removes specific details for administration, nomination, candidacy and election. Directs that specific election procedures be adopted by Code.**

### **1994 Assessment Installment Contracts**

This measure appeared on the May 17, 1994 Primary Election Ballot

**BALLOT TITLE**

CAPTION: Amends Procedures to Collect Delinquent Assessment Installment Contracts

QUESTION: Shall Charter procedures to collect delinquent assessment installment contracts be amended?

SUMMARY: Charter establishes procedures for collecting delinquent assessment installment contracts. Existing procedures allow property owners to avoid payment for extended periods of time. Without Charter authority, the City is not able to collect delinquent assessments in a timely manner. Charter amendments clarify the procedures for collecting delinquent assessment installment contracts. Charter amendments provide authority to void delinquent contracts. Charter amendments do not change existing safeguards which allow hardship and special payment plans when property owners suffer a financial setback.

### **1994 Parks Bond**

On May 4, 1994, the Portland City Council passed and referred the following measure to be decided by voters at the municipal General Election held on November 8, 1994.

### BALLOT TITLE

CAPTION: General Obligation Bonds for Park Repairs and Improvements

QUESTION: Shall Portland repair and improve 99 neighborhood parks by issuing \$58,800,000 in general obligation bonds? If the bonds are approved, they will be repaid from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of section 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

SUMMARY: This measure will allow the City to Issue bonds and use the money for 114 projects at 99 park sites. These projects would make public safety improvements; the City would fix worn out pools, paths, lights, restrooms, play areas, sports fields and fences. Old watering and heating systems would be replaced. The proposal will make these basic repairs, renovate the city's existing community centers, and do other capital construction and improvements.

These projects include improving parks Multnomah County recently gave the City. The funds would provide new soccer fields in Northeast Portland and in Southwest Portland. The City would also add a senior center and new community centers in East Portland and in Southwest Portland. All of the money will be spent for repairs and improvements,

not for day-to-day park operations. The purpose of these projects is to expand the city's recreation choices for adults and for youth.

The estimated total amount to be collected annually is \$5,874,000.00, in each of the twenty years of the life of the bonds. The estimated tax impact of this measure will be 22 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. These are ESTIMATES ONLY, based on the best information from the County Assessor and from bond market sources at the time of the estimates. The levy is outside the limitations provided in sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution. The measure would not reduce property tax collections by other units of government.

## MEASURE

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Portland, Oregon, that an Act entitled:

"A Measure authorizing the City Council of the City of Portland to issue general obligation bonds in the amount of \$58,800,000 for capital construction and improvements for parks and recreation, to be repaid from property taxes levied outside constitutional limitations."

be, and the same hereby is submitted to the legal voters of the City of Portland, Oregon, for their adoption or rejection at the ensuing general election to be held in the City of Portland, Multnomah County, Clackamas County and Washington County on the 8th day of November, 1994. Each voter who votes upon said proposed measure shall vote "yes" or "no" in the space indicated for such votes on the City ballot at said election.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON:

**Section 1. Pursuant to Sections 7-201 and 7-203 of the Charter of the City of Portland, the Council is authorized to issue bonds, in the aggregate amount not to exceed \$58,800,000, which shall be general obligations of the City. The proceeds from such bonds shall be placed in a special fund to be established by the Council, and shall be used for capital construction and improvements for parks and recreation purposes. These general obligation bonds are specifically authorized, and shall not be counted as within the limitation of section 7-204 of**

**the Charter of the City of Portland. Taxes imposed to pay the principal and interest on indebtedness incurred through the construction and improvements shall not be limited by Sections 11 and/or 11b of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Oregon, but rather are hereby specifically authorized and shall be in addition to all other taxes that may be levied according to law.**

### **1996 Term Limits Initiative**

#### **BALLOT TITLE:**

**CAPTION:** Amends Charter. Establishes term limits for City's elective offices.

**QUESTION:** Shall City Charter be amended, limiting number of terms served in elective offices and changing length of terms for Commissioners?

**SUMMARY:** Presently, Portland's City Charter provides that terms of office for Mayor, Auditor and Commissioners each shall be four years with no limit on the number of terms a person may serve. This amendment provides that no person shall serve more than two four-year terms in the office of Mayor or Auditor. Commissioner terms are limited to three two-year terms or six years in office. Time already served in office counts, except terms presently being served may be completed.

#### **AN ACT:**

Be it enacted by the People of the City of Portland:

Section 2-201 of Chapter 2 of Article 2 of the Charter of the City of Portland, Oregon is amended to read:

Elective Officers. There shall be no elective officers of the City of Portland other than the Mayor, four (4) Commissioners and the Auditor. All said officers shall be elected at large by the legal voters of the City of Portland. The Mayor and Auditor each shall be elected for a term of four (4) years. Commissioners shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. No person shall be eligible to be elected to or serve a term that would cause the person to serve more than two terms or eight years in the office of the Mayor or Auditor, or three terms or six years in the office of Commissioner. A term shall be counted as served if any part of the term has been served. Service prior to passage of this law shall

count in determining length of service, except no person shall be prohibited from completing the term being served at the time this Amendment was approved by the voters. The provisions of this section shall be supreme, notwithstanding any other provisions of this Charter or ordinances of the City in conflict therewith.

Section 2-201 of Chapter 2 of Article 2 of the Charter of the City of Portland, Oregon currently reads:

Elective Officers. Each elected official shall be a citizen of the United States and of the State of Oregon, and a registered voter who shall have been a resident of the City of Portland or of an area which has become part of the City prior to filing the declaration of candidacy or petition for nomination, for a period of not less than one (1) year immediately preceding the nominating election. If any officer shall be elected without such qualifications or shall cease to have the same, the office shall immediately become vacant.

#### **1998 Parks Bond**

*On June 17, 1998, the Portland City Council passed and referred the following measure to be decided by voters at the municipal General Election on November 3, 1998.*

**CAPTION:** GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR PARK CAPITAL RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENTS AND CONSTRUCTION.

**QUESTION:** Shall Portland renovate, improve and construct neighborhood parks by issuing \$64,850,000 in general obligation bonds? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**SUMMARY:** This measure would allow the City to issue bonds and use the money for parks capital renovation, improvements and construction. The purpose is to make parks safer, more efficient to operate, and more available to the public, especially for children. Most projects are planned for existing parks; some money will be used to buy land for new parks in areas that do not have enough parks now. Some money will go to pay part of the cost of converting the old OMSI museum at Washington Park into new space for the Children's Museum. Other expected projects include renovating Walker Stadium, in outer southeast Portland, and O'Bryant Square Park, downtown, and building a wheelchair-accessible garden at Peninsula Rose Garden, in north Portland, building or fixing playgrounds, paths, trails, pools, ballfields, picnic shelters, bleachers,

concessions, parking and traffic improvements, lights, restrooms, courts, irrigation and maintenance facilities and landscaping. In addition, improvements will be made to existing community centers, including seismic upgrades and to increase senior services. Neighborhood parks will be developed.

### **1998 Fire Bond**

*On June 24, 1998, the Portland City Council passed and referred the following measure to be decided by voters at the municipal General Election on November 3, 1998. This was amended by the Portland City Council July 1, 1998 as follows:*

**CAPTION:** GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR FIRE, RESCUE, EMERGENCY SERVICES FACILITIES.

**QUESTION:** Shall Portland issue \$53,825,000 in general obligation bonds for the purpose of improvement of fire, rescue and emergency facilities? If the bonds are approved, they will be repaid from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of Sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**SUMMARY:** This measure would allow Portland to issue bonds and use the money for fire, rescue and emergency facilities, including structural improvements to facilities for compliance with building code and earthquake standards; updating electrical, mechanical and fire/life safety systems; clean-up facilities for hazardous materials and emergencies; accommodations for both male and female members at existing facilities; minor expansion of the 911 Communications Center to accommodate service growth; construction of new facilities and other capital construction and improvements. All of the money will be spent for capital construction and improvements, not for day-to-day operations.