

ELECTION FACT SHEET
PROPOSED NEW CHARTER FOR THE CITY OF LAFAYETTE

A new Charter has been submitted to the voters [redacted] through the initiative process. Ballots will be mailed to Lafayette residents on February 20th, 2009, with the election ending March 10, 2009. A Charter, like a Constitution, establishes the organization and functions of a city and can only be adopted or amended by a vote of the citizens.

[redacted] The current Charter is 10 pages long and is based on the League of Oregon Cities Model Charter. The current Charter may be viewed on the City's website through the City and Government tab under the Mayor and Council heading.

The proposed Charter would:

- Require any increase in taxes, fees or charges to be ratified in an election at which at least fifty percent of the registered voters participate or in a general election in an even numbered year. [redacted]
- Reduce the City Administrator Position to Part-time and reduce the authority of that position.
- Reduce salaries of some current employees, and prohibit any additional compensation value exceeding the salary amount for all employees. [redacted]
- Set City Hall hours of operation to be Wednesday through Saturday.
- Reduce the residency requirement from 1 year to 6 months to be eligible to hold elective office.
- Eliminate the authority of the City Administrator to award any contract for service without a public hearing and council approval [redacted]
- Require a Citizen Advisory Committee to review citizen complaints, coordinate volunteer, perform audits and facilitate town hall meetings. [redacted]
- Require that all handout material will be read aloud in a council meeting. [redacted]
- Require Council approval of Accounts Payable. [redacted]

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You will be receiving a Voter's Pamphlet in the mail which contains the full text of the proposed Charter. The current Charter is available for review on the city's website, www.ci.lafayette.or.us. Additional information may also be posted. This Fact Sheet was prepared at the direction of the Lafayette City Council [redacted]