

**PROPOSED REVISED KEIZER CHARTER  
BALLOT MEASURE 24-453**

**This information was reviewed by the Oregon Secretary of  
State's Office for compliance with ORS 260.432.**

If approved, this measure would adopt a new home rule Charter for the City of Keizer and replace the current Charter, which was enacted in 1983. The Oregon Constitution grants city voters the right to adopt home rule charters. Charters are like a local Constitution. They grant legal authority to cities, specify how ordinances are adopted, list qualifications for officers, and assign duties to city officials.

The Keizer City Council formed the Charter Review Committee and requested the Committee to review the current Charter and recommend changes. The City Council has referred the Committee's proposed charter to the voters.

The proposed Charter is based on the League of Oregon Cities Model Charter, and if passed, would keep most of the current Charter provisions. If the measure passes, the new charter would retain the current form of government with the Mayor and six Councilors who would govern and a city manager who would run administrative affairs. The proposed Charter would also retain provisions requiring water department revenues to be used for water department expenses.

The proposed Charter would be updated to be more readable and modernized to more clearly define the legal authority of the City. The new charter, if the measure passes would include several changes including the following:

- Passing an Ordinance with one reading currently requires a unanimous vote and the Ordinance must be available seven days before the meeting. If the measure passes, the last requirement would be changed to five days which would be consistent with Council Procedures.
- Would change the term "elector" to "registered voter" throughout the Charter as registered voter is a more familiar term.
- Would remove Section 44 of the current Charter (Prohibit Minority Status for Homosexuality). Enactment or enforcement of this provision is unlawful under state law.

The proposed Charter Revision contains other minor changes as well.

A "Yes" vote would adopt a new home rule Charter for the City of Keizer and would replace the current Charter. If the measure does not pass, ("No" vote) the current Keizer City Charter would remain unchanged.

There is no cost involved in this measure, whether it passes or not.