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SPECIAL DISTRICT ELECTION November 2, 2021

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Aloha Community Library (in Farmington Marketplace Shopping Center) 17455 SW Farmington Rd Ste. 26A Aloha, OR 97007

BANKS:

Banks City Hall/Library 42461 NW Market St Banks, OR 97106

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Beaverton Library-Murray Scholls 11200 SW Murray Scholls Place, Ste. 102 Beaverton, OR 97007

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CORNELIUS: Cornelius City Hall/Library 1355 N. Barlow St Cornelius, OR 97113

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Westside Commons (formerly known as Fair Complex)**Newly added location 801 NE 34th Ave Hillsboro, OR 97124

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City Hall 31360 NW Commercial St North Plains, OR 97133

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City Hall 22560 SW Pine St Sherwood, OR 97140

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City Hall 13125 SW Hall Blvd Tigard, OR 97223

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City of Lake Oswego

Measure No. 3-568

Ballot Title

Restricts Improvements on Certain Lake Oswego Park Properties.

Question: Should the Lake Oswego City Charter be amended to restrict improvements on certain city park properties?

Summary: This Charter amendment was placed on the ballot through an inititative petition.

Applies initially to Bryant Woods Park, Canal Acres, Cooks Butte Park, Cornell Natural Area, Glenmorrie Greenway, Hallinan Woods, Iron Mountain Park, Kerr Open Space, Lamont Springs Natural Area, River Run, Southshore Natural Area, Springbrook Park, Stevens Homestead, Stevens Meadows, West Waluga Park, and Woodmont Natural Park.

Designates these properties as "Nature Preserves."

Prohibits above-ground facilities or structures that would impair or be inconsistent with natural conditions. Also prohibits hard-surface trails, parking lots, athletic fields or facilities, roads, trails for motorized vehicles, tree-cutting for certain purposes, and telecommunications facilities.

Previously-constructed facilities or structures may be maintained if not altered in any manner that further impairs or is inconsistent with natural conditions. Allows soft-surface trails, benches, interpretive displays, and picnic and sanitary facilities. Allows the city to implement previously-adopted park master plans.

Applies the same restrictions to any park property acquired in the future, if designated as a "Nature Preserve" by the conveying property owners, the city, or voters.

Explanatory Statement

Lake Oswego's City Charter currently does not contain development limitations for City-owned natural parks except for Springbrook Park, which has been protected under Chapter X - Park Development Limitation since 1978. This citizen-initiated measure repeals and replaces Chapter X to protect 15 additional natural parks with additional development limitations to preserve them as natural habitats accessible for public enjoyment.

Chapter X, which currently only applies to Springbrook Park:

- Prohibits athletic facilities, parking lots, and roads or trails for motorized vehicles.
- Allows trails for hiking, jogging, horseback, and bicycle riding.
- Allows picnic and sanitary facilities.
- Allows for restrictions to apply to any park property acquired by bond and designated by voters as subject to these restrictions.

A "yes" vote on Measure 3-568 would maintain and enhance Chapter X's development limitations:

- Designates these natural parks as "Nature Preserves:" Springbrook Park, Bryant Woods Park, Canal Acres, Cooks Butte Park, Cornell Nature Area, Glenmorrie Greenway, Hallinan Woods, Iron Mountain Park, Kerr Open Space, Lamont Springs Natural Area, River Run I & II, South Shore Natural Area, Stevens Homestead, Stevens Meadows, West Waluga Park, and Woodmont Natural Park.
- Prohibits athletic facilities, parking lots, and roads or trails for motorized vehicles.

- Prohibits telecommunications facilities, asphalt and concrete hard-surface trails, and above-ground facilities or structures that would impair or be inconsistent with natural conditions.
- Prohibits tree-cutting for purposes of commercial logging.
- Allows trails for hiking, jogging, horseback, and bicycle riding.
- Allows picnic and sanitary facilities.
- Allows benches, boardwalks, and interpretive displays.
- Allows maintenance for ecological restoration that provides safe and healthy natural areas that are accessible for public enjoyment, provides a healthy habitat for wildlife, eliminates invasive species, restores native species, and mitigates fire hazards.
- Allows maintenance of existing facilities, structures, parking lots, roads or trails for motorized vehicle if not altered in any manner that would further impair or be inconsistent with natural conditions.
- Allows implementation of pre-existing park-specific master plans that may specify development otherwise restricted by this Chapter.
- Allows for restrictions to apply to any park property acquired by bond or if designated as a "Nature Preserve" by the conveying property owners, the City, or voters.

Any master plan for parks designated as "Nature Preserves" must be consistent with the charter amendment.

After citizens filed this initiative with sufficient signatures to qualify for the ballot, the Lake Oswego City Council referred a competing measure.

To become law, this Measure must receive a majority vote and more YES votes than the competing Measure.

Submitted by: Kari Linder City Recorder, Elections Officer

No Arguments in Favor or Opposition of this measure were filed.

City of Lake Oswego

Measure No. 3-575

Ballot Title

Amends Charter; Protects Natural Areas; Allows Access to Nature.

Question: Shall the City of Lake Oswego amend its Charter to protect natural areas, habitat, water quality, and access to nature?

Summary: This measure would revise Chapter X of the Lake Oswego Charter and rename it "Preservation of Natural Areas".

This section of the City's Charter would ensure that Springbrook Park; Cooks Butte Park; Woodmont Nature Park; Hallinan Woods; Stevens Meadow; Bryant Woods; Canal Acres; Cornell Natural Area; Glenmorrie Greenway; Kerr Open Space; Lamont Springs; River Run I and II; Southshore; Kelly Creek; Pennington Park; Sunny Slope; and the natural areas of West Waluga, East Waluga, George Rogers, Iron Mountain and Freepons Parks are managed to protect water quality, wildlife habitat, wildfire prevention and containment, aesthetic values, and ecological function and to allow trails accessible to people with different physical abilities and needs.

Athletic Facilities, new public roads, and telecommunications facilities are prohibited in Natural Areas. Restoration, stewardship, trails, and maintenance and renovation of existing facilities and structures are allowed.

Other activities are only allowed after public involvement and adoption of a Master Plan. This section would replace the existing "Chapter X - Park Development Limitations," which applies only to Springbrook Park.

Explanatory Statement

The proposed "Preservation of Natural Areas" amendment of the City's Charter revises Chapter X of the existing Charter to "preserve, protect, restore, and maintain the scenic and aesthetic qualities, ecological functions, water quality and wildlife habitat of Natural Areas that are owned by the City of Lake Oswego while also allowing for their use and enjoyment."

Recognizing interest in increasing protections for parks and natural spaces in Lake Oswego, the City undertook a public engagement program to assess public attitudes and develop proposed changes to the City's Charter. The City's engagement program included an online survey promoted by the City that was completed by 355 residents; a statistically representative poll of 405 Lake Oswego voters; two public listening conversations attended by 26 local residents; and 26 individual conversations with community leaders and stakeholders from the community.

People in the community voiced a commitment to ensuring these places support a broad range of uses, while also protecting their natural integrity. The City also heard feedback on a citizen initiative to amend the Charter that will be presented to voters in the November 2021 election. While some supported the measure, others raised concerns about unintended consequences that would impair other public priorities for these spaces.

Several themes emerged including:

- The preservation and maintenance of parks and natural spaces are a key aspect of the high quality of life in Lake Oswego.
- A desire to protect water quality and wildlife habitat.
- The importance of ensuring parks and natural spaces are accessible for people of various abilities.
- A focus on the need to prepare for climate change, particularly the need to prevent and contain wildfires, and protect wildfire response capabilities.

Using this feedback, the City's elected leaders have proposed the Charter amendment that will allow:

- Maintenance, stewardship, and education activities that promote ecological restoration and enhancement, eliminate invasive species, restore native species, and mitigate fire hazards.
- Maintenance and renovation of trails for walking, hiking, wheelchairs and mobility devices, horseback riding, and non-motorized bicycle travel. Trail construction can only occur after an environmental assessment and review by the Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources Advisory Board and must be appropriate to the conditions of a natural area.
- Construction, maintenance, renovation, and replacement of picnic and sanitary facilities, boardwalks, benches, and interpretive displays where appropriate.

The Amendment would prohibit construction of new athletic facilities, commercial logging, construction of new public streets and roads, and construction or installation of new telecommunications facilities in designated Natural Areas.

Other uses and facilities related to restoration or access to Natural Areas would only be allowed under the Amendment after City Council adoption of a property-specific master plan for the designated area. The Council must engage the public in the development of the master plan, including Neighborhood Associations and all property owners within 300 feet of the Natural Area.

If both this measure and Ballot Measure 3-568 are approved, only the measure with the greater number of affirmative votes will become effective.

Submitted by: Kari Linder City Recorder, Elections Officer

No Arguments in Favor or Opposition of this measure were filed.