

# MEASURE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

## Required for all Measures Submitted with Multnomah County Elections

ELECTION DATE	MEASURE NUMBER
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BALLOT TITLE CAPTION

NAME OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTENT OF STATEMENT

NAME OF JURISDICTION PERSON REPRESENTS

E-MAIL	TELEPHONE NUMBER	FAX NUMBER
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**WORD/NUMBER COUNT TOTAL (500 word/number limit)** \_\_\_\_\_

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SIGNATURE OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTENT OF STATEMENT

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

**Please note new requirements in OAR 165-022-0040**

**Filing Explanatory Statements**

(1) The governing body for any local government which has referred a measure to the voters, shall submit an impartial, simple and understandable statement explaining the measure and its effect.

(2) For any initiative or referendum by petition, an impartial, simple and understandable statement explaining the measure and its effect shall be submitted by the governing body of the local government only if the local government has an ordinance requiring the submission of such a statement.

(3) Explanatory statements shall be limited to 500 words.

**(4) The county clerk shall reject any referred measure submitted without an explanatory statement**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. The Explanatory Statement shall be an impartial, simple and understandable statement explaining the measure and its effect and must be typewritten.
2. The word count total must not exceed 500 words/numbers.
3. If the Explanatory Statement exceeds the 500 word/number limit, the county clerk shall end the statement at 500 words/numbers.
4. The Explanatory Statement shall include the name and signature of the person responsible for the content of the statement and the name of the governing body that person represents.
5. The Explanatory Statement shall be filed with the county clerk of the county in which the city hall of the city or the administrative office of the special district is located.
6. Explanatory Statements shall be filed not later than 5:00 p.m. on the deadline for filing a notice of measure election.
7. Pursuant to ORS 251.415 the county clerk shall reject any statement which:
  - a. Contains any obscene, profane or defamatory language;
  - b. Incites or advocates hatred, abuse or violence toward any person or group; or
  - c. Contains any language which may not legally be circulated through the mail.
8. The county clerk shall not correct spelling, grammar or punctuation errors. Statements will not be returned for proofreading.

**If you have any questions, call the Multnomah County Elections Division at 503-988-3720.**

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