

Notice of Measure Election

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250.275, 250.285, 254.095, 254.465

City

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| Notice | | |
| Date of Notice | Name of City or Cities Milton-Freewater | Date of Election May 19, 2026 |

Final Ballot Title The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the city's voters. The ballot title notice was published, and the ballot title challenge process is complete.

Caption 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF MILTON-FREEWATER CITY CHARTER

Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.

Shall the City of Milton-Freewater City Charter be Amended?

Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.

The major changes proposed include the following:

- Changes to the Councilors and Mayor's section is updating the language to coordinate with the next general election dates in relationship to the specific Wards and At-Large positions.
- Requires the city manager to live within a Milton-Freewater zip code area within the time period set by the city council.
- Allows purchases signed by the manager or the "manager's designee"
- Changes the reference of "he or she" to "municipal judge".
- Updates limitation of indebtedness language to allow that the City's indebtedness may not exceed debt limits imposed by state law. A Charter amendment is not required to authorize city indebtedness.
- Adds the clause "from time to time, but no less frequently than every 10 years, the council shall convene a Charter Review Committee to review and recommend amendments to the Charter."
- Modernizes the severability clause as any provision is held invalid by a court, the invalidity does not affect any other part of the Charter.

Explanatory Statement 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect.

If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be written and attached to this form for:

- any measure referred by the city governing body; or
→ any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.

Explanatory Statement Attached? Yes No

Authorized City Official Not required to be notarized.

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| Name Leanne Steadman | Title City Recorder/Elections Official |
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By signing this document:

- I hereby state that I am authorized by the city to submit this Notice of Measure Election; and
→ I certify that notice of receipt of ballot title has been published and the ballot title challenge process for this measure completed.



Signature

3/16/26
Date Signed

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR PRINTING IN THE UMATILLA
COUNTY VOTER PAMPHLET**

Measure No. 30-173

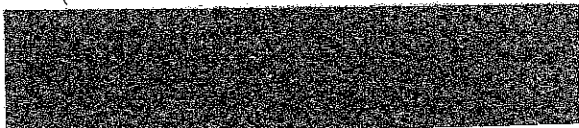
Election Date: May 19, 2026

The City Council of the City of Milton-Freewater established a Charter Review Committee, which the Committee met each month from November 2024 through May 2025. They made recommendations of amendments to the City Charter which the City Council adopted their recommendations. The current City Charter, amended in 1993, contains language that has been deemed by the Charter Review Committee and the City Council to have become obsolete or inefficient. The major changes to the proposed City Charter include the following.

- Changes to the Councilors section in the Charter is updating the language to coordinate with the next general election dates in relationship to the specific Wards and At-Large positions.
- Changes to the Mayor section of the Charter is updating the language to coordinate with the next general election.
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Total Words 258 (Note: This statement must not exceed 500 words).

Authorized Signature



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Printed Name Leanne Steadman

Local Government Unit City of Milton-Freewater