

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR MEASURE NO. ____

Submitted by the Oregon City Commission

The proposed measure is intended to limit urban renewal activities in the City. It would accomplish this by amending the Oregon City Charter to place the following prohibitions on the City of Oregon City, the Oregon City Urban Renewal Commission or any other entity created by the City:

- The measure would prohibit the City or the Urban Renewal Commission from financing an urban renewal plan or project with tax increment financing;
- The measure would prohibit the City or the Urban Renewal Commission from borrowing or spending money to buy land or property for the purpose of urban renewal, or the development of property not owned by the City; and
- The measure would prohibit the City or the Urban Renewal Commission from using any existing tax increment revenues for any purpose other than retiring existing urban renewal agency debt.

Although the proposed charter amendment would restrict the City of Oregon City from undertaking those actions directly, urban renewal agencies in Oregon are established by state law and are separate municipal entities from cities. State law authorizes urban renewal agencies to use tax increment financing, including the use of tax increment financing for various purposes and also authorizes urban renewal agencies to buy land and property for urban renewal. While the City may not, in a charter amendment, directly restrict the Oregon City Urban Renewal Commission, this measure seeks to restrict both the City as well as the Urban Renewal Commission from undertaking certain activities.