

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LEBANON) RESOLUTION NO. 2024-09
CALLING AN ELECTION TO SUBMIT TO THE)
CITY ELECTORS THE QUESTION OF)
PROVIDING FLUORIDATION OF THE PUBLIC)
WATER SUPPLY AND ADOPTING A BALLOT)
TITLE AND EXPLANATORY STATEMENT)

WHEREAS, the Lebanon City Council has determined to seek voter approval to continue fluoridation of the public water supply.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEBANON:

Section 1. the City Council refers to the voters of Lebanon whether to continue fluoridation of the public water supply.

Section 2. The City Council adopts the following ballot title for referral:

CAPTION:

Fluoridation of the Lebanon public water system.

QUESTION:

Shall the City of Lebanon continue fluoridation of the public water supply?

SUMMARY:

The City of Lebanon provides drinking water to city residents and businesses. As part of this process, Lebanon has fluoridated its water supply since 2001. This referral directs the City of Lebanon to continue fluoridation of the city water supply at levels recommended by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Fluoridation is funded through city water fees and managed by the Director of Public Works. The use of fluoride compounds in the water system costs approximately \$25,000 annually which includes materials, chemicals, and staff time.

Section 3. The City Council adopts the following explanatory statement for the ballot:

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT:

On January 26, 2000, the Lebanon City Council held a public hearing on the question of fluoridation of the Lebanon water supply. After considering the public testimony and reviewing the medical literature, the Council unanimously approved fluoridation of the Lebanon water supply. Fluoridation started in October 2001. On February 24, 2016, the Lebanon City Council again addressed the issue of fluoridation. As part of the construction of a new water

treatment plant staff sought confirmation that it should include approximately \$115,000 in capital costs associated with the continued fluoridation of Lebanon's water supply. The Council approved the capital expenditure and continued fluoridation on a 3-2 vote. Lebanon's city water has been fluoridated continuously since October 2001.

On December 13, 2023, the City Council referred to Lebanon voters whether it should continue fluoridation of the water supply by a 4-2 vote.

A "yes" vote continues fluoridation of the public water supply for the City of Lebanon

A "no" vote discontinues fluoridation of the public water supply for the City of Lebanon.

Section 4. The ballot title and explanatory statement adopted by this resolution shall be filed with the city elections officer. The city attorney and city elections officer are directed to take all necessary steps to effectuate this resolution, in compliance with the applicable provisions of law to cause the measure to appear on the ballot for the November 5, 2024, election and to otherwise carry out the intent and purpose of this resolution.

Section 5. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage by the Lebanon City Council.

Passed by the Lebanon City Council on this 8th day of May 2024 by a vote of ____yeas and ____nays.

CITY OF LEBANON, LINN COUNTY, OREGON

Kenneth Jackola, Mayor ☐
Michelle Steinhebel, Council President ☐

ATTESTED BY:

Julie Fisher, City Clerk / Recorder