



City of Tualatin

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Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
THROUGH: Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager
FROM: Sean Brady, City Attorney
DATE: November 23, 2020

SUBJECT:

Consideration of Ordinance No. 1449-20 Relating to the Initiative Process; and Amending Tualatin Municipal Code Chapter 1-24

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Council adopt the ordinance.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Ordinance No. 1449-20 amends Tualatin Municipal Code Chapter 1-24 to allow initiatives that qualify for the ballot to be voted on at either the next statewide primary election or next statewide general election.

The initiative powers of the legal voters of Tualatin are established by Article IV, section 1(5) and Article XI, section 2 of the Oregon Constitution. Tualatin Municipal Code Chapter 1-24 establishes the procedure by which the legal voters are to exercise their initiative powers in Tualatin. Under the current code, a City initiative that qualifies for the ballot will be voted on at the next statewide general election. Statewide general elections occur in November of even-numbered years.

Ordinance No. 1449-20 would amend the code to allow a City initiative that qualifies for the ballot to be voted on at the next statewide primary election. Statewide primary elections occur in May of even-numbered years.

The effect of Ordinance No. 1449-20 is that City initiatives that qualify for the ballot would be voted on at either the next statewide primary election or next statewide general election, whichever is sooner.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Ordinance No. 1449-20