

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**  
**MAYOR TERM LIMITS REFERRAL**

This Measure, if approved, would amend Section 12(a) of the City of Tualatin Charter (“Charter”) to create a new term limits provision applicable to the Office of Mayor. If passed, the Measure would allow a person who has previously served two terms (8 years) as a City Councilor to be eligible to serve two consecutive terms (8 years) as Mayor, if elected, in a 20-year period.

The City Council consists of the Mayor and six City Councilors. The Charter provides that the Mayor is elected to a four-year term and each City Councilor is elected to a four-year term. The existing Charter language imposes term limits to prohibit a person from serving on City Council to no more than 12 years in any 20-year period. The 12-year limit in the Charter applies to the total amount of time a person serves on the City Council, whether the person is serving as a Mayor, a Councilor, or any combination of the two offices.

This Measure would amend the Charter to modify the term limits applicable to the Office of Mayor in the circumstance where the person has previously served two terms (8 years) as a City Councilor. Under the existing Charter language, if a person has previously served two terms (8 years) as a City Councilor, the person can only serve one term (4 years) as Mayor, in a 20-year period. If approved, this Measure would allow a person to serve as Mayor for two consecutive terms (8 years), instead of only one term (4 years).

The effect of the Measure would allow a person to possibly serve a total of 16 years on City Council in a 20-year period. In all other circumstances, the general term limits of 12 years in any 20-year period would apply to the Office of Mayor. The Measure does not change the term limits for City Councilors.

This Measure would become effective immediately upon passage.