# CITY OF WILSONVILLE BALLOT MEASURE 3-609

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT (500-word maximum)

This Measure, if approved, would amend Section 29 of the Charter of the City of Wilsonville ("Charter") to modify the term limits applicable to the office of Council in certain circumstances. If passed, the Measure would allow a person who has previously served two terms (up to 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 four City Councilors. Each position is separately elected in accordance with the Charter. 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 Council to no more than 12 years in a 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 Mayor, City Councilor, or any combination of the two offices.

This Measure would amend the Charter to modify the term limits applicable to the office of the Council in the circumstance where the person has previously served two terms (up to 8 years) as a City Councilor. Under the existing Charter language, if a person previously served two terms (up to 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 up to 16 years on City Council in a 20-year period if the person serves two terms (up to 8 years) as City Councilor and then two consecutive terms (8 years) as Mayor. In all other circumstances, the general term limit of 12 years in any 20-year period would apply.

This Measure would become effective immediately upon passage.
(345 words)