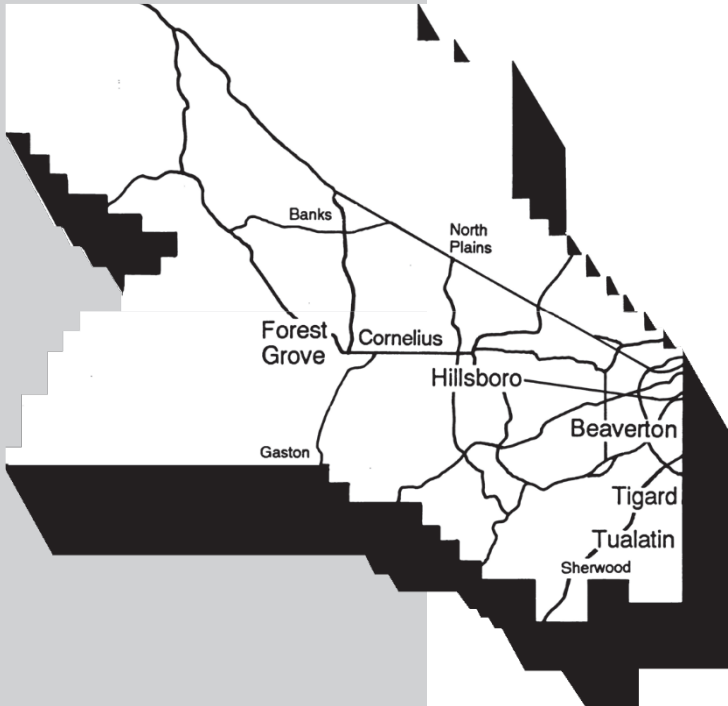




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Washington County Voters' Pamphlet



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City of Tualatin

Measure No. 34-309

Ballot Title

Amends Charter to Modify Mayoral Term Limits in Certain Circumstances.

Question: Should the Charter be amended to allow a two-term City Councilor the opportunity to serve two consecutive terms as Mayor?

Summary: The Measure would amend the City of Tualatin Charter to modify the term limits for the Office of Mayor. If passed, the Measure would allow a person to serve two terms (8 years) as a City Councilor followed by two consecutive terms (8 years) as Mayor, in a 20-year period. The existing City Charter imposes term limits on a person serving on City Council as Mayor, a Councilor, or a combination of the two offices, to no more than 12 years in a 20-year period. Under the current Charter language, if a person previously served two terms (8 years) as a City Councilor, the person is limited to serving one term (4 years) as Mayor, in a 20-year period. The measure would modify the Charter such that a person who previously served two terms (8 years) as a City Councilor could serve two consecutive terms (8 years) as Mayor, for a total of 16 years on City Council in a 20-year period. In all other circumstances, the 12-year term limit in a 20-year period applies.

Explanatory Statement

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).

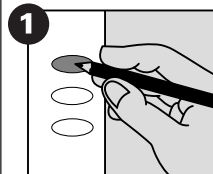
The effect of the Measure would allow a person to possibly serve a total of 16 years on City Council in a 20-year period. In all other circumstances, the general term limits of 12 years in any 20-year period would apply to the Office of Mayor. The Measure does not change the term limits for City Councilors.

This Measure would become effective immediately upon passage.

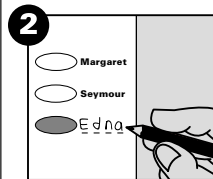
Submitted by:
Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

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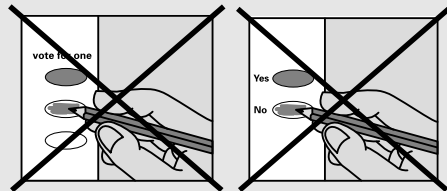
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No Arguments in Opposition of this measure were filed.

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Argument in Favor

VOTE YES ON 34-309

Measure 34-309 does not overturn term limits in Tualatin, but instead proposes a narrow and significant improvement to the existing term limits. Since term limits were implemented in 2016, voters have elected a new mayor and the membership of the Council has seen a nearly complete turnover. The results have been intensely positive, but there soon could be one significant negative: the loss of experienced and effective leadership.

The premise behind 34-309 is that a councilor needs two terms (eight years) to get fully educated on the issues and to develop meaningful relationships with other elected officials. After that time, the councilor is able to effectively function as Mayor - the leader of our community. Under Tualatin's current term limits, that experienced and effective mayor is limited to a single term, essentially stopping the engine when it is running at its greatest efficiency, which is clearly not a good policy.

I do not believe that 34-309 represents a radical departure from the spirit of the existing term limits, which allow individuals to serve twelve years in any twenty-year period as a means of preventing any individual to become entrenched in power.

There are significant advantages to adopting 34-309, which will allow a seasoned mayor to be eligible to serve a second, consecutive term. After that second term and a total of sixteen years of service, the former mayor could not run for local office again for a period of eight years. The additional four-year term as mayor would not, therefore, allow the mayor to become entrenched in power. Moreover, if a first term mayor did not perform well, then that mayor would be eligible for another term, but unlikely to be re-elected, which is a form of de facto term limits.

Please join me in voting YES on Measure 34-309 and adopting a better policy for the long-term governance of Tualatin.

This information furnished by:
Robert E. Kellogg

Argument in Favor

Vote YES on Measure 34-309

I encourage you to support amending the City Charter regarding term limits to allow a mayor to serve two terms even if that person has already served two terms as a council member.

As others have pointed out, it takes time for a new councilor to learn what is required to be an effective council member. Beyond having to learn about and address the myriad of issues cities face every day, the cities in the Portland Metro area must work collaboratively on regional issues. That means a councilor must cultivate professional relationships with their counterparts in other cities, counties, Metro, Tri-Met, and special districts. That is even more true for the mayor. Mayors interact with other mayors in Oregon and nationally on a regular basis. The Mayor is the City's liaison not only regionally but at the State and Federal levels. It takes time for a mayor to establish the position of trust, ability, and knowledge necessary to be listened to on matters that affect Tualatin and other cities. A one-term mayor from a small city, such as Tualatin, will rarely have the time to have achieved the level of respect necessary to have others in power to address our concerns, proposed solutions, requests for legislation or Federal, State, or County funding.

This proposed amendment still serves the purpose of encouraging new residents to serve on the Council while assuring some turnover on the Council. The two-term limit is consistent with what other cities in our area have adopted. Please vote to amend the Charter to allow a person who has previously served two terms as a city councilor to serve two terms as mayor.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Braden
former Tualatin City Attorney (1994-2012)

This information furnished by:
Brenda Braden

Argument in Favor

YES ON 34-309

Cities with term limits rely on employees to run them. We are fortunate in Tualatin that these employees competently perform their jobs and avoid the bureaucracy that plagues other small towns. Still, we did not elect them. We did elect our councilors and Mayor for the purpose of providing leadership on local topics like transportation and housing which are important to Tualatin residents.

Tualatin has hundreds of city employees and we need a mayor to grow into their job so they can be as effective at cutting red tape as ceremonial ribbons. The new term limits being proposed will at least allow dedicated citizens to serve as Mayor for 8 years if they have served on city council for at least 8 years.

It's not perfect but it's a chance to give dedicated citizens—who we have selected—adequate time to design, develop, and deploy impactful changes for our community.

Please join me in voting YES on Measure 34-309.

Ross Baker

This information furnished by:
Ross Baker

Argument in Favor

VOTE YES ON TUALATIN CHARTER AMENDMENT 34-309

As a leader on the Tigard-Tualatin School Board since 2019 and the current Chair, I have seen how critical relationships are for local government leaders when it comes to accessing information and resources in a timely fashion—particularly in moments of crisis. Being able to pick up the phone to call key federal officials, state leaders, and colleagues in other jurisdictions is an important part of the job of locally elected officials.

While this function is especially valuable during crises, it is also true in more “normal” circumstances; having a mayor that is deeply engaged and well-connected to other officials, nearby jurisdictions, and relevant organizations benefits Tualatin's residents and small businesses tremendously—and these relationships are not built overnight.

In today's policy-making environment, cities cannot simply “go it alone.” Most of the major issues affecting residents' quality of life require collaboration with public partners: housing and homelessness, transportation, environmental protection,

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education, and more require collaboration and consultation with the state and federal government, the counties, neighboring cities, Metro, Trimet, the school district, and more. There are also nonprofits and membership associations that are critical for municipal leaders to be engaged with: the League of Cities, the Westside Economic Alliance, the Metropolitan Mayors' Consortium, chambers of commerce, and more.

That is a lot of ground to cover and people/processes to get to know in just four years as mayor.

This proposed charter change would give Tualatin a competitive advantage in regional affairs by providing more time for the mayor to:

- 1) Build working relationships with federal, state, and local leaders
- 2) Understand the overlapping jurisdictions and complex decision-making processes in the metro region
- 3) Gain status and experience in local and regional groups and committees to advance Tualatin's interests

I encourage voters to vote YES on 34-309 for a more effective and responsive local government.

Sincerely,

Ben Bowman
Chair, Tigard-Tualatin School Board

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Ben Bowman



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