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Notice of Measure Election City

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Notice		
Date of Notice 8-6-2026	Name of City or Cities City of Canby	Date of Election 11-3-2026
Final Ballot Title The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the city's voters. The ballot title notice was published, and the ballot title challenge process is complete.		
Caption 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure.		
Amend City of Canby City Charter Chapter X		
Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.		
Shall Canby Amend Charter Chapter X, regarding Canby Utility Board?		
Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.		
This measure would amend Chapter X of the City's Charter. Chapter X currently establishes a water department and electric department. It grants the Canby Utility Board ("Board") exclusive authority over the electric department and grants the City Council exclusive authority over the water department. It restricts the Board's ability to issue bonds, incur debt, and make expenditures for the electric department and the water department. If adopted, this measure would amend Chapter X to create a single water and electric department, grant the Board exclusive authority over the department, and remove certain existing restrictions on the Board's ability to issue revenue bonds, incur debt, and make expenditures for the department. If adopted, this measure would also modernize language and grammar within Chapter X, increase the number of successive terms that members of the Board may hold, and clarify the General Manager position's role. If this measure is not adopted, the City's Charter would remain the same.		
Explanatory Statement 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect.		
If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be written and attached to this form for: → any measure referred by the city governing body; or → any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.		
Explanatory Statement Attached? ☒ Yes ☐ No		
Authorized City Official Not required to be notarized.		
Name Maya Benham	Title Administrative Director/ City Recorder	
Mailing Address PO Box 930, Canby, OR 97013	Contact Phone 503-266-0720	
<i>By signing this document:</i> → I hereby state that I am authorized by the city to submit this Notice of Measure Election; and → I certify that notice of receipt of ballot title has been published and the ballot title challenge process for this measure completed.		

Signature Redacted

8/7/2026

Signature

Date Signed

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This measure would amend Chapter X of the City's existing Charter. Chapter X establishes a water department and an electric department that are responsible for providing water and electric utilities to Canby. Chapter X also establishes the Canby Utility Board ("Board").

Before 1982, the Charter granted the Board exclusive jurisdiction, control, and management of the electric department and the water department. In 1982, the voters amended the Charter to transfer exclusive jurisdiction, control, and management of the water department from the Board to the City Council and gave City Council the option to delegate all or a portion of its control of the water department back to the Board. In 1982, the City Council delegated its exclusive jurisdiction, control, and management of the water department to the Board. Since then, the Board has exercised exclusive jurisdiction, control, and management of both departments.

Chapter X does not allow the Board to issue revenue bonds for the water department. Additionally, Chapter X requires the Board to obtain voter approval before issuing revenue bonds, incurring other forms of debt, or making expenditures for the electric department in amounts greater than the department's gross revenues from the prior fiscal year. Chapter X further prohibits the Board from having outstanding short-term loans in an amount more than 50% of the electric department's gross revenues from the prior fiscal year.

The Board is developing a new water treatment plant facility to provide water for Canby's current and future water needs. These restrictions impact the Board's ability to obtain funding, including issuing bonds, for this facility. The Board and the City Council have been in consistent communication about funding options.

In December of 2025, the City Council convened a Charter Review Subcommittee to review the City's Charter for revisions to propose to the voters. In consultation with the City Council and the Board, the Subcommittee recommended that Chapter X be amended as follows:

- Combine the electric and water departments into a Department of Water and Electric Services ("Department")
- Grant the Board exclusive authority and control over the Department and authority to issue water revenue bonds
- Remove language requiring the voters to approve certain electric department costs that exceed the department's gross revenue for the prior fiscal year
- Clarifies existing voter rights under state law about bond issuance
- Change language limiting the Board's total of outstanding short-term loan for the electric department from 50% to 100% of the electric department's gross revenue for the prior fiscal year
- Modernize language and grammar
- Increase Board members' maximum number of successive terms of office from two to three
- Clarify General Manager position's role
- Require the Board to provide quarterly operation reports to the City Council

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The City Council approved sending the Subcommittee's recommendations to the voters. If this measure is approved, the Charter would be amended as explained above. The full text of the proposed amendments can be found at the City's website.

If this measure is not approved, then Chapter X would not change.