**Referred to the People by the City of Shady Cove City Council.**

Proposed Amendments to the City of Shady Cove City Charter

**Question:** Shall the City Charter be amended to make proposed changes?

**Summary:** The City Council proposes changes be made to the City Charter. Proposed changes include:

Following guidelines provided in League of Oregon Cities Model Charter.

Revises the term of office for Mayor from 2 years to 4 years.

Clarifies procedure for electing appointed Council members.

Adds Quasi-Judicial Authority to the Charter.

Restates procedure for making, altering, vacating or abandoning a public improvement.

Aligns wording in Charter with Shady Cove Rules of Government.

Renumbers the exhibits.

Fixes some grammatical errors in the current Charter.

Restructures some sentences and adds clauses for clarification pursuant to the League of Oregon Cities Model Charter.

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**Explanatory Statement**

The proposed measure makes amendments to the City Charter.

The City Charter defines the roles and authority for the governance of the City. A Charter may only be amended by the vote of the people. Completed revisions structured by the Charter Revision Committee and referred to the City Council. The Committee’s recommended changes, along with recommendations from the City Attorney were presented to the City Council for review. The City Council has referred a proposed Charter for consideration by the voters.

The current City Charter of the City of Shady Cove, which was adopted in 1998, was revised to better align with current guidelines and to clarify items that have caused confusion.

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If this measure is approved by the voters, the text that appears in color will be added to the Charter.

The text that has been lined out will be removed from the Charter.

If approved, the revised Charter will take effect on January 1, 2021. To review the entire proposed City Charter, please visit Shady Cove City Hall at 22451 Hwy 62, Shady Cove, OR 97539 or visit the City website at [www.shadycove.org](http://www.shadycove.org).