

Columbia County



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**COLUMBIA COUNTY FILES PETITION FOR VALIDATION OF
ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING BALLOT MEASURE 5-190**

On November 10, 2008, Columbia County filed a Petition for Validation of Local Government Action, Case No. 08-2843, related to proposed Ordinance No. 2008-6. Ordinance No. 2008-6 implements initiative measure 5-190 regulating the employment of unauthorized aliens in Columbia County. The Ordinance fixes several drafting errors and other legal problems with the text of the Measure. The Petition for Validation of Local Government Action is a special statutory proceeding under ORS 33.710 to 33.720 in which the County asks the Court to determine whether the Ordinance is legal and enforceable, in whole or in part.

On November 12, 2008, the Columbia County Circuit Court ordered the County to publish Notice and Summons in the St. Helens Chronicle and Sentinel Mist in its November 19, 2008, November 26, 2008, and December 3, 2008, issues. Any person interested may at any time before the expiration of ten (10) days following final publication of the Notice and Summons, appear and contest the legality, validity and effect of proposed Ordinance No. 2008-6. A copy of the Notice and Summons and Petition for Judicial Validation will be posted on the County's website, www.co.columbia.or.us, as soon as possible.

Ballot Measure 5-190 was put on the ballot through the initiative process and approved by 57% of the voters in Columbia County. The County's legal opinion regarding the measure, is also posted on the County's website along with previous press releases on the measure.

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