

Explanatory Statement  
(ORS 251.345)  
Ballot Measure 5-252

## **EXPLANATION FOR BALLOT MEASURE 5-252**

**James Julian** applied to the City of St. Helens for annexation of approximately 1.8 acres of land located at 35092 Pittsburg Road. Annexation is the process whereby property is included or brought into the city limits. The City has a process for evaluating annexation requests that includes conformance with applicable State laws, the City Charter, City Comprehensive Plan, and City Development Code. The process requires that the City Planning Commission hold a public hearing on annexation requests and make a recommendation to the City Council. The City Council also holds a public hearing and reviews the recommendation of the Planning Commission. If the City Council approves the annexation request, then the City Charter requires that a majority vote of the voters of St. Helens approve the annexation.

For the James Julian annexation request, the Planning Commission held a public hearing, found that the request complied with the process for annexation, and recommended approval of the annexation request to the City Council. The City Council approved the recommendation to annex the Julian property, which is approximately 1.8 acres in size, on February 3, 2016. The next step is for the voters of St. Helens to approve or reject the request to annex this property. If annexed, the property will be zoned R7, Moderate Residential, and be subject to all City ordinances and regulations.