Notice of Measure Election
City

Date of Notice 12/6/17
Name of City or Cities City of St. Helens
Date of Election May 15, 2018

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 has been published and the ballot title challenge process has been completed.

Caption 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure.

Amends Charter to Retroactively Prohibit Taxes on Sale of Groceries.

Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.

Should the City’s Charter be amended to retroactively prohibit taxes on the sale or purchase of groceries?

Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.

This measure, if approved, would amend the City’s Charter to retroactively prohibit a tax, fee, or other assessment on the sale of groceries. The tax prohibition covers any transaction for the sale or purchase of groceries, with certain individuals or entities, including those licensed, registered or inspected by certain federal or state agencies or programs providing for the safety of groceries, including the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and the State Department of Agriculture’s Food Safety or Commodity Inspection Programs. Individuals or entities appointed by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission under ORS 471.750, or operating as farm stands or farmers markets are also included under the prohibition.

Groceries are defined to mean raw or processed food or beverage intended for human consumption except alcoholic beverages, marijuana products and tobacco products.

The measure defines “tax, fee, or other assessment” to include a sales tax, gross receipts tax, commercial activity tax, value-added tax, excise tax, privilege tax, and other similar taxes.

The measure would retroactively prohibit the imposition or collection of any taxes after September 1, 2017.

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 drafted 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? No

Authorized City Officials Not required to be notarized.

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By signing this document:
→ 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 Kathy Payne
Date Signed 12/6/17