


Portland Proposed Measure 26-228

This November, Portland voters will have the opportunity to vote on a proposed ballot measure regarding the structure of city government and process for electing city officials.

Please remember to vote. Ballots may be mailed back on or before Election Day or returned to an Official Ballot Drop Site by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. Multnomah County Official Ballot Drop Box Sites are listed at multco.us/dropsites. 

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8.



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If passed, proposed Portland Measure 26-228 would:

- 1 Allow voters in future elections to rank candidates for elected office in order of the voter's preference;
- 2 Create four, new geographic districts with three councilors representing each district; and
- 3 Establish a mayor-council government structure in which the city council would set policy, a mayor would carry out laws and supervise a professional city manager that manages city services.

If passed, an independent district commission of community members would lead a public process and develop a district map to be adopted by September 2023. District-based elections using ranked choice voting would be in place for the November 2024 election, and a mayor and new

city council would enter office January 1, 2025 into the new form of government's roles and responsibilities. The estimated annual costs are between \$900,000 and \$8.7 million of the city general fund discretionary resources, which is between 0.1% and 1.4%. The annual ongoing cost would begin in 2025.*

The 20-person Charter Commission referred these three proposed changes to Portland voters after spending 18 months studying alternatives to our current form of government and leading a robust community engagement process with people across the city.

If the proposed measure does not pass, there would be no changes to Portland's form of government or elections system, and the estimated annual cost would not be incurred.

*Estimated annual cost does not take into account potential cost savings.

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