

# Joint County Voters' Pamphlet Measure Argument Instructions

## Voters' Pamphlet Measure Argument Filing Options:

1. **Fees** – based on the number of registered electors in an electoral district within the county as of January 1 each year.
  - **\$100** – Jurisdiction with **less than 1,000 eligible voters** in County.
  - **\$200** – Jurisdiction with **1,000 - 4,999 eligible voters** in County.
  - **\$250** – Jurisdiction with **5,000 - 9,999 eligible voters** in County.
  - **\$350** – Jurisdiction with **10,000 - 24,999 eligible voters** in County.
  - **\$400** – Jurisdiction with **25,000 or more eligible voters** in County.

**Payment Options** – Cash, check, or credit/debit cards are accepted for payment at Clackamas, Multnomah, Washington, and Yamhill County.

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2. **Petition** – Joint County Voters' Pamphlet Petition Sheet for Measure Argument (JCVP-04)

A JCVP-04 petition may be filed in lieu of paying the filing fee. Please contact your County Elections office for details on beginning the process of filing a prospective JCVP-04. The JCVP-04 shall contain 1,000 signatures or the signatures of at least four percent of the electors in the county eligible to vote on the measure to which the measure argument refers, whichever is less. For the petition method to be valid, the approved and completed petition must be verified and certified by the County Elections office prior to the filing deadline.

## General Information

1. Joint County Voters' Pamphlet Measure Argument (JCVP-03) original filing must be received in the County Elections office by 5 pm on the filing deadline; typewritten and signed with the appropriate filing fee or JCVP-04 certified petition. Postmarks do not count. No changes will be allowed to a Measure Argument, including Statement of Endorsements, after the 5 pm deadline. Please note: early filing offers an opportunity for Elections staff to notify you of issues with your filing. Incomplete filings and filings received after 5 pm will not be accepted. JCVP forms can be submitted in person at the county elections office, via mail, or via email.
2. **It is recommended that the filer email the text of the Measure Argument to the County Elections office.** Email attachments should be in .doc or .txt file format and attached directly to the email. Documents hosted on cloud services will not be accepted. Both printed and emailed copies must be exactly the same. If there are discrepancies, the print version provided will be used for the Voters' Pamphlet production.
3. Each county produces its' own individual County Voters' Pamphlet. If the Measure's jurisdiction/district is located in more than one county a separate 'JCVP-03' must be filed and either the fee paid or JCVP-04 certified petition submitted, by the deadline, to each county where the 'Measure Argument' is to be printed.
4. Pursuant to ORS 251.415, the County Clerk shall reject any statement which:
  - a. Contains any obscene, profane, or defamatory language;
  - b. Incites or advocates hatred, abuse, or violence toward any person or group; or
  - c. Contains any language which may not legally be circulated through the mail.
5. Deadline permitting, the County Elections office will attempt to notify the person(s) or jurisdiction/organization furnishing the JCVP-03 of the rejection and allow revision of the Measure Argument.

## Signatures

JCVP-03 must be signed by the person(s) furnishing the argument prior to the filing deadline. Electronic Signatures are accepted at Clackamas, Multnomah, Washington, and Yamhill County. E-signatures must represent the signer's true/"wet" signature to be accepted. Digital Signatures (Typewritten, Docusign, etc.) will not be accepted.

## Word Count/Format

1. The total word count must not exceed 325 words/numbers. **Please hand count your statement to ensure that your word count does not exceed the 325 maximum word/number count. The County Elections office will not print more than 325 words.**
2. Measure Arguments must consist of words/ numbers only. Standard formatting attributes, such as boldface, all caps, centering, underlining, bulleted and numbered lists may be used. Charts or graphics may not be used. Italics may only be used when citing the source of published material. Any other italics used will be changed to plain text. Bullets do not count towards the word count.
3. Any text with a white space around it counts as a word. Hyphenated words that are listed in a dictionary as one word and can be used either with or without a hyphen will count as one word. All other hyphenated words will count as more than one word.
4. The County Elections office will not correct errors in spelling, punctuation, grammar or syntax. No corrections to these errors will be allowed after the filing deadline. Please proof your submission before filing.

**Quotes**

1. Quotes from published sources may be used. The quotation must have been published to the public prior to its inclusion and the source and date of publication/dissemination must be provided. If a quote from a previously published source is used, no endorsement form is necessary. The quote, source, and date will count towards the 325 maximum word count.
2. Italics should only be used when citing the source of a quote from a published source. Example of quotes: “*The Oregonian, 06/21/2018*” or from Mayor Smith’s website, “*www.mayor-smith.com 06/21/2018*” or “In the latest edition of the *NW Times*, the paper said ‘... voting yes on Measure Z is best for all students.’” *NW Times, 02/04/2018*.

**Endorsements**

1. If the name of a person and/or organization (other than the person(s) and/or organization(s) furnishing the JCVP-03) is used as part of the JCVP-03 statement to support or endorse the measure, a signed JCVP-02 form must be filed no later than 5 pm on the filing deadline or the name will be removed.
2. See the JCVP-02 forms for detailed instructions.

**Amendments**

Amended Statement or different portrait may be submitted until 5 pm on the filing deadline. If a Candidate Statement is amended a new completed and signed JCVP-01 form must be submitted with the “Amended” box marked. The amended JCVP-01 and Optional Information must be delivered to the County Elections office 5 pm on the filing deadline. No additional fee is required. No changes will be permitted after the 5 pm deadline.

**Contact Information**

<p><b>Clackamas County Elections</b>                  1710 Red Soils Ct, Suite 100                  Oregon City, OR 97045  <b>phone</b> 503-655-8510  <b>email</b> elections@clackamas.us</p>	<p><b>Washington County Elections</b>                  2925 NE Aloclek Dr, Suite 170                  Hillsboro OR 97124-7523  <b>phone</b> 503-846-5800  <b>email</b> elections@washingtoncountyor.gov</p>
<p><b>Multnomah County Elections</b>                  1040 SE Morrison Street                  Portland, OR 97214  <b>phone</b> 503-988-8683  <b>email</b> filings@multco.us</p>	<p><b>Yamhill County Elections</b>                  414 NE Evans Street                  McMinnville, OR 97128  <b>phone</b> 503-434-7518  <b>email</b> elections@co.yamhill.or.us</p>

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**Important! Read all instructions before completing this form.**

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## 1. Filing Information

Election Date: \_\_\_\_\_  Amended Statement

Argument in Favor  Argument in Opposition

Measure # \_\_\_\_\_ Order # \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Filer Checklist for Measure Argument for County Voters' Pamphlet (VP)

- Typewritten & signed JCVP-03 form and attached Measure Argument for County VP.
- Fee or JCVP-04 certified petition (Petition ID # \_\_\_\_\_) provided.
- (If applicable) JCVP-02 Statement of Endorsement(s) #: \_\_\_\_\_.
- Word Count (325 MAX).

## 3. Argument paid for or petition provided by

\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person/organization paying or submitting petition for Measure Argument

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. Contact information for authorized changes

\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person authorized to make changes to Measure Argument

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## 5. "This information furnished by" (as it should appear in the Voters' Pamphlet) Name of person required ORS 251.355(2)

Name of person:  
(required)

Organization Name:  
(if applicable)

## 6. Attestation

**By signing this document, I (we) hereby state I (we) am (are) responsible for the content of this argument, (ORS 251.415)**

**Organization name person(s) is (are) authorized to represent, if applicable:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Printed name of person furnishing argument**  
(must match Section 5)

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of person furnishing argument**  
(must match Section 5)

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Printed name of person furnishing argument**  
(if applicable)

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of person furnishing argument**  
(if applicable)

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**Note:** If this argument is not being filed by a registered Oregon Political Committee, you may be required to register as a political committee with the Secretary of State. Refer to the Campaign Finance Manual for further details.

### For Office Use Only:

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Required Info?  Yes  No

Word Count (325 max):

Payment Method: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed?  Yes  No

Providing digital copy?  Yes  No

Ref. #: \_\_\_\_\_

Endorsements?  Yes # \_\_\_\_\_  No

Received digital copy?  Yes  No

Amount / Petition #: \_\_\_\_\_

Intake Staff Initials:

Review Staff Initials: