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# Notice of Measure Election

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City

### Notice

**Date of Notice**

July 5, 2024

**Name of City or Cities**

City of Hillsboro

**Date of Election**

November 5, 2024

**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.

Hillsboro Drinking Water Fluoridation

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

Shall Hillsboro fluoridate its drinking water supply?

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

Hillsboro supplies drinking water to most city residents and businesses and to wholesale customers including other municipalities. A portion of city residents and businesses receive water from Tualatin Valley Water District (TVWD). Hillsboro currently does not add fluoride to its drinking water supply, but TVWD fluoridates drinking water for its Hillsboro customers.

This measure requires Hillsboro to fluoridate its drinking water supply. The measure requires fluoridation of drinking water in accordance with the approved and recommended procedures of the state department of public health to obtain health benefits associated with fluoridation, namely reduction of dental cavities and pain. The measure is a referral of an Ordinance initiated by voter petition.

If approved, the measure would require the City to fluoridate its water supply and provide ongoing funding to do so. If rejected, the City would neither be required to or be prohibited from fluoridating its water supply.

**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?**

Yes

No

**Authorized City Official** Not required to be notarized.

**Name**

Amber Ames

**Title**

City Recorder

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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.

July 5, 2024

Signature

Date Signed

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The City of Hillsboro provides drinking water to most of its residents and businesses as well as to wholesale customers located outside of the City, including other municipalities. A portion of the City's residents and businesses receive water from the Tualatin Valley Water District (TVWD). Currently, the City does not add fluoride to the water provided to its customers. On the other hand, TVWD does add fluoride to the water it supplies to its customers located in Hillsboro.

The City's water system is generally overseen by the Hillsboro Utilities Commission and the Hillsboro City Council. This measure is an advisory vote to request voter input on whether the City should add fluoride to its water system. This is a nonbinding vote, which will provide input to the Utilities Commission and the City Council on whether the voters prefer to add fluoride to Hillsboro's water system.

This measure was placed on the ballot by the Hillsboro City Council at the request of the Utilities Commission. The Utilities Commission has received a request from members of the public to add fluoride to the City's water system. Because opinions vary on the benefits and hazards of adding fluoride to drinking water, the City wanted to receive input from the voters before making a decision on whether to add fluoride to the City's water system. In addition, historically, this issue has been presented to the City's voters, and the Utilities Commission and City Council wanted to honor that past practice.

A yes vote would advise the City to take steps to add fluoride to the water system. If the City proceeds with fluoridation, it will take into account costs and applicable health standards to determine the appropriate methods and amounts of fluoride to add to the water system. A no vote would advise the City not to add fluoride to the water system.