

Ordinance No. 354

An Ordinance to amend Section 8 of Ordinance No. 242 relating to ballots and ballot titles used in city elections, initiative and referendum petitions filed with the City Recorder, and measures submitted to the voters of the City of Stayton, pursuant to such ordinance; assigning numbers to measures, that are required by state laws; and declaring an emergency.

THE CITY OF STAYTON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 8 of Ordinance No. 242 of the City of Stayton, Oregon, is amended to read:

Section 8. When any petition for initiative or referendum legislation shall have been filed with the recorder and the recorder shall have determined that such petition is sufficient as provided in section 7, he shall forthwith transmit to the attorney of said municipality a copy of such measure. Said attorney shall within 5 days provide and return to the recorder a ballot title for such measure. In making such ballot title said attorney shall to the best of his ability give a true and impartial statement of the purpose of the measure and in such language that the ballot title shall not be an argument for or liable to create prejudice either for or against such measure. Any qualified elector dissatisfied with the ballot title provided by the city attorney for any such measure may within 5 days after the said ballot title is returned to the recorder appeal in writing to the common council asking a different title and stating why the title prepared by said attorney is improper. The city council shall at its next regular or special meeting afford such person a hearing and shall by resolution

either approve the title prepared by said attorney or shall prescribe another ballot title and in either event the title as approved or prescribed by the council shall be the title placed on the ballot. Should the next regular, adjourned, or special meeting of the council occur more than 10 days subsequent to the filing of such appeal, it shall be the duty of the mayor to call a special meeting of the council to consider the matter and such special meeting shall be held within 10 days of the filing of such appeal.

Such ballot title shall in no case exceed one hundred words and, in so far as possible, shall not resemble any other ballot title filed for any measure. Titles and numbers of petitions shall be printed upon the official ballot of the city of Stayton in the order in which said petitions are filed with the recorder, and measures proposed by the initiative shall be designated and distinguished from measures that are referred to the people by referendum. As required by law, the first measure at each city election shall be numbered 51-yes, 51-no; and succeeding measures shall be numbered likewise in consecutive order beginning with the number 52. It shall be the duty of the Recorder to print such ballot titles and numbers upon the official ballot.

Section 2. It is hereby adjudged and declared that existing conditions are such that this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the peace, health, and safety of the city of Stayton and the inhabitants thereof, and an emergency hereby is declared to exist and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Council and approval by

the Mayor.

PASSED by the Council this *2d* day of May, 1966.

APPROVED by the Mayor this *2d* day of May, 1966.

*W F May*  
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MAYOR

ATTEST:  
*August Schaefer*  
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Recorder of the City of Stayton,  
Oregon.