

**Prospective Initiative Petition ID PDX 8
Ballot Title**

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AUDITOR

CAPTION:

Amends Charter: Imposes trust over water resources, additional City responsibilities.
(10)

QUESTION:

Shall trust be established requiring Portland to protect and manage water, sewer, stormwater resources for human residents and local ecology? (20)

SUMMARY:

Amends Charter. Establishes trust over all water resources within City's full or partial jurisdiction and control including rivers, watersheds, wetlands, floodplains, ponds, and current water, sewer, stormwater projects and infrastructure. Identifies "City of Portland" (defined) as trustee. Trust beneficiaries are present and future residents of the City, representing interests of "natural communities" and "ecosystems" (defined). "Residents" defined as human beings, not other legal entities.

Residents have right to clean, affordable water. Establishes right of "local ecology" (defined) to "exist and flourish." (undefined)

Charter currently provides City with powers, duties to make laws and expenditures to provide water, sewer services. Measure imposes significant new duties, restrictions on City, including annual accounting, audit of water resources, restricting issuance of permits, additional conflict restrictions, other affirmative actions regarding water resource management. Residents may file lawsuits to enforce trust, rights of "local ecology", recover attorney fees, costs. Persons, other entities subject to criminal prosecution for intentionally manipulating scientific results, reports. Requires rules for whistleblower protection; other enforcement provisions.

Ordinances inconsistent with measure repealed; inconsistent permit terms invalidated. Other provisions. (175)