

RESOLUTION No. 37438 As Amended

Refer amendment to the City Charter regarding Protections for Bull Run Watershed (Resolution)

WHEREAS, the Bull Run Watershed has been a protected source of high-quality unfiltered drinking water for people in the Portland metro area for over 100 years; and

WHEREAS, City protections for the precious water resource of the Bull Run Watershed include restrictions against logging, recreation, and development activity are in City Code but not in the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, state mandates currently require the City to maintain all watershed protections and restriction of public access in order to comply with Safe Drinking Water Act rules and to keep the drinking water safe for consumption and use; and

WHEREAS, human activity in the nearby Columbia River Gorge caused the Eagle Creek Fire that threatened the Bull Run Watershed in September of 2017; and

WHEREAS, increased climate disruption and human activity have major impacts on the environment, health, and public safety; and

WHEREAS, Portland voters should be allowed to engage in decisions that impact the Portland metropolitan area's main water source and health and safety by voting on a ballot measure that will ensure long term protections for the Bull Run Watershed; and

WHEREAS, a referral to the ballot on this issue on November 5, 2019, would allow all Portland voters to provide input on issues of environmental stewardship in a timely manner, and ensure that changes to these protections in the future must be approved by Portland voters;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council submits a Measure for an Act, amending the City of Portland Charter, Chapter 11, attached hereto as Exhibit A, to the legal voters of the City of Portland, Oregon, for their adoption or rejection at the election in the City of Portland, Multnomah County, Clackamas County and Washington County to be held on November 5, 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council submits the ballot title for the November 5, 2019 ballot, attached hereto as Exhibit B; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council directs the City Auditor to publish the ballot title as shown in Exhibit B in accordance with City Code; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sponsoring elected official may submit an explanatory statement to the City Auditor for publication in the Voters' Pamphlet; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Auditor is directed to forward to the

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Multnomah, Washington, and Clackamas County Elections Offices all material necessary to place this measure on the November 5, 2019 election ballot.

Adopted by the Council: JUN 26 2019

Commissioner Amanda Fritz
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Date Prepared: June 6, 2019

Mary Hull Caballero
Auditor of the City of Portland



Deputy