

Draft Ballot Title:
Portland Council Reformation

Caption (10 words):

Portland City Council reformation to a 15 member City Council.

Questions (19 words):

Shall the City Charter be amended to reform the Council to 14 Alderpersons, elected by district, and one Mayor?

Statement (135 words):

The City Charter will be amended to:

Increase City Council from 5 to 15 members. The new Council will consist of 14 Alderpersons, elected by council district, and a Mayor. Alderpersons will be elected for 2 year teams.

Requires the creation of a council district map by the City Auditor. The districts will be compact and contain approximately equal population; no other factors will be considered.

Requires Council sizes and districts to be adjusted after each U.S. Census as City population changes.

Reorganizes City Departments to be supervised by non-political persons.

Requires most Council actions to be by a vote of majority.

Removes references to Commissioners and replaces with Alderpersons where applicable.

Requires the Council to adopt a fair voting procedure known as ranked-choice voting.