

AGENDA ITEM FOR ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING ( ) Discussion only  
( X ) Action

FROM (DEPT/ DIVISION): County Counsel

SUBJECT: Charter Amendment Elections

<p>Background:</p> <p>The Charter Review Committee presented its report at the August 2, 2023 Board Meeting. The committee recommended two items be referred to the voters for amendments to the Charter. At that time, the Board accepted the reported and voted to refer the two items to the voters. Before the Board are two proposed Ordinances officially referring the two amendments to the voters and calling for an election. The Charter does not specify that the vote be conducted at any specific election, only that it be conducted at least 75 days after the date of the ordinance referring that matter to the voters is adopted. Potential dates for the election are November 7, 2023 and May 21, 2024.</p>	<p>Requested Action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Conduct Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2023-06</li> <li>(2) Adopt Ordinance No. 2023-06</li> <li>(3) Conduct Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2023-07</li> <li>(4) Adopt Ordinance No. 2023-07</li> </ol>
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ATTACHMENTS: Proposed Ordinances

\*\*\*\*\*For Internal Use Only\*\*\*\*\*

Checkoffs:

- ( ) Dept. Heard (copy)
- ( ) Human Resources (copy)
- ( ) Fiscal
- ( X ) Legal (copy)
- ( ) (Other - List:)

To be notified of Meeting:

Needed at Meeting:

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Scheduled for meeting on: August 16, 2023

Action taken:

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Follow-up:

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF UMATILLA COUNTY

STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of the Referring )  
Proposed Umatilla County ) ORDINANCE No. 2023-06  
Charter Amendment to Voters )  
Regarding Sheriff's Age )

WHEREAS the voters in Umatilla County adopted a home rule charter in 1992, which was implemented January 1, 1993;

WHEREAS the Umatilla County Home Rule Charter provides that every four years, the Board of County Commissioners shall appoint a Charter Review Committee of not less than five citizen members whose purpose shall be to review the Home Rule Charter and its operation;

WHEREAS on September 6, 2022, the Board of Commissioners initiated the process for a Umatilla County Charter Review;

WHEREAS on January 18, 2023, the Board of Commissioners appointed members to the Charter Review Committee with a proposed date of August 1, 2023, for a report on the recommendations of a charter review committee;

WHEREAS the Umatilla County Charter Review Committee held its initial meeting on February 21, 2023, and met periodically over the next four months until June 14, 2023, at which time a report was adopted;

WHEREAS at the Board Meeting of August 2, 2023, the Umatilla County Charter Review Committee submitted its report, which included two recommendations for changes to the Umatilla County Charter;

WHEREAS pursuant to the Umatilla County Charter, the Board of Commissioners shall consider any recommended changes by the Umatilla County Charter Review Committee, and may place all, or part, or none of the Committee's recommendations on the ballot;

WHEREAS at its August 2, 2023, the Board voted to place both recommendations for change on the ballot.

NOW, THEREFORE the Board of Commissioners of Umatilla County ordains the adoption of the following:

1. The recommended change by the Charter Review Committee to the Umatilla County Charter regarding increasing the age requirement for Sheriff from 21 to 25 years shall referred to the voters of Umatilla County for consideration.

2. An election shall be held on the next available election date pursuant to ORS 198.815, to submit to the electors the question of whether the Umatilla County Charter shall be amended to change required age of Sheriff, more specifically set out in the attached proposed Ballot Measure.

3. An election is called for \_\_\_\_\_ to submit to the electors the question set out in paragraph 2.

FURTHER by unanimous vote of those present, the Board of Commissioners deems this Ordinance necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health, and safety; therefore, it is adjudged and decreed that an emergency does exist in the case of this Ordinance and it shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

DATED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023.

UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Daniel N. Dorran, Chair

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John M. Shafer, Commissioner

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Celinda A. Timmons, Commissioner

ATTEST:  
OFFICE OF COUNTY RECORDS

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Records Officer

## Ballot Measure – Sheriff Age Requirement

Caption: Increases Minimum Age of Sheriff

Question: Shall the age requirement for Sheriff be increased from 21 to 25 years of age?

Summary: If adopted, this proposal requires the Umatilla County Sheriff be at least 25 years of age to be a candidate for the office.

Charter changes:

1. Any candidate for office of sheriff shall present to the county elections officer a written certification from the Oregon Board of Public Safety Standards and Training showing that the candidate meets the qualifications, is a citizen of the United States of America, and is at least 25 years of age.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF UMATILLA COUNTY

STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of the Referring )  
Proposed Umatilla County ) ORDINANCE No. 2023-07  
Charter Amendment to Voters )  
Regarding Sheriff's Residency )

WHEREAS the voters in Umatilla County adopted a home rule charter in 1992, which was implemented January 1, 1993;

WHEREAS the Umatilla County Home Rule Charter provides that every four years, the Board of County Commissioners shall appoint a Charter Review Committee of not less than five citizen members whose purpose shall be to review the Home Rule Charter and its operation;

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NOW, THEREFORE the Board of Commissioners of Umatilla County ordains the adoption of the following:

1. The recommended change by the Charter Review Committee to the Umatilla County Charter requiring the Sheriff to be a resident of Umatilla County shall be referred to the voters of Umatilla County for consideration.

2. An election shall be held on the next available election date pursuant to ORS 198.815, to submit to the electors the question of whether the Umatilla County Charter shall be amended to add residency requirement for Sheriff, more specifically set out in the attached proposed Ballot Measure.

3. An election is called for \_\_\_\_\_ to submit to the electors the question set out in paragraph 2.

FURTHER by unanimous vote of those present, the Board of Commissioners deems this Ordinance necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health, and safety; therefore, it is adjudged and decreed that an emergency does exist in the case of this Ordinance and it shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

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## Ballot Measure – Sheriff Residency Requirement

Caption: Adds Residency Requirement for Sheriff

Question: Shall there be a Umatilla County residency requirement for Sheriff?

Summary: If adopted, this proposal requires the Umatilla County Sheriff be a resident of Umatilla County at the time of taking office and during term of office.

Charter changes:

1. A person must be a resident of Umatilla County to hold the position of sheriff.