

Amended 8-27-2018

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR VOTERS' PAMPHLET

Ballot Title Caption: Making the Linn County Surveyor an appointed position.

Measure Number: 22-176

Approval of this measure would change the mode of selection of the Office of the Linn County Surveyor from an elective office to an appointed position. Currently the Linn County Surveyor is elected by the voters of Linn County to a four year term. Approval of this measure would change the office to a position appointed by the Linn County Board of Commissioners for an indefinite period. Approval of this measure would not affect the current term of office of the Linn County Surveyor which expires in January 2021.

In 2009 the Oregon Legislature enacted Chapter 491 Oregon Laws 2009 which changed State law to require that the governing body of a county appoint a county surveyor, unless an adopted county charter or a county ordinance provides otherwise. Prior to 2009, Oregon State law required that county surveyors be elected. The Linn County Board of Commissioners, as the governing body for Linn County, adopted Ordinance No. 2009-555 providing that the Linn County Surveyor would continue as an elected position.

In August 2018 the Linn County Board of Commissioners adopted Ordinance 2018-252 to change the mode of selection of the Linn County Surveyor from election to appointment. Under Oregon law, the change of the mode of selection of a County elective office to an appointed position must be submitted to and approved by the voters of Linn County before taking effect.

Submitted by the Linn County Board of Commissioners

**FILED**

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