

# COUNTY VOTERS' PAMPHLET

## MEASURES

The Lincoln County Clerk's Office publishes a voters' pamphlet for all elections.

For Primary and General Elections, this pamphlet will be included with the State Voters' Pamphlet.

For Special Elections, this pamphlet will be included in each voter's vote by mail ballot packet.

Explanatory statements for County, City, and District measures are required. These statements must be prepared by the submitting party of the measure, and filed by the deadline indicated below.

Arguments for and against these measures must be submitted within 2 business days of the measure filing deadline and must be accompanied by a filing fee or petition with signatures.

### Filing by Fee:

<b>Number of Voters in District</b>	<b>Less Than 1,000</b>	<b>1,000 to 4,999</b>	<b>5,000 to 9,999</b>	<b>10,000 to 24,999</b>	<b>25,000 and Over</b>
Filing Fee	\$100	\$200	\$250	\$350	\$400

### Filing by Petition:

A petition shall contain the signatures of at least four percent of the electors in the district eligible to vote on the measure or the signatures of 1,000 electors in the district eligible to vote on the measure, whichever is less. A petition shall be verified before filing the Argument Statement.

If you have any questions or comments about the County Voters' Pamphlet, please contact:

Amy A. Southwell, Lincoln County Clerk  
225 W. Olive Street - Room 201  
Newport, Oregon 97365  
(541) 265-4131

<b>ELECTION</b>	<b>March 10, 2026 Special</b>	<b>May 19, 2026 Primary</b>	<b>Aug. 25, 2026 Special</b>	<b>Nov. 3, 2026 General</b>
Local governing bodies to give notice of measure & submit explanatory statement on or before:	Thursday, Jan. 8, 2026	Thursday, March 19, 2026	Thursday, June 25, 2026	Thursday, Sept. 3, 2026
File measure arguments for county voters' pamphlet on or before:	Monday, Jan. 12, 2024	Monday, March 23, 2026	Monday, June 29, 2026	Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2026

# EXPLANATORY STATEMENT INSTRUCTIONS

1. **The EXPLANATORY STATEMENT must be typed. Filing must be by hard copy AND electronic Word Document emailed to: [countyclerk@co.lincoln.or.us](mailto:countyclerk@co.lincoln.or.us)**
2. The word total shall not exceed 500 words.
3. The EXPLANATORY STATEMENT shall be signed by the person responsible for the content of the statement and include the name of the governing body that person represents.
4. The EXPLANATORY STATEMENT shall be filed with the County Election Official of the county in which the administrative office of the electoral district is located.
5. The EXPLANATORY STATEMENT shall be filed by 5:00pm on the deadline for filing the notice of election.

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# ARGUMENT STATEMENT INSTRUCTIONS

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2. The word total must not exceed 325 words.
3. If the ARGUMENT STATEMENT exceeds the 325 word limit, the County Election Official shall edit the Argument Statement.
4. The ARGUMENT STATEMENT shall be signed by the person responsible for the content of the argument and shall include the name of the organization the person represents, if any.
5. All information cited or quoted from previously published material must include the source and date of publication. (Example: *The Oregonian*, July 4, 1976.)
6. Any endorsement by an individual or an organization, which was not previously made public, must be accompanied by a STATEMENT OF ENDORSEMENT.
7. The County Election Official shall reject the Argument Statement (ORS 251.415) which:
  - a. Contains any obscene, profane or defamatory language;
  - b. Incites or advocates hatred, abuse or violence toward any person or group; or
  - c. Contains any language which may not legally be circulated through the mails.

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9. The text of the argument may be submitted on a separate piece of paper with the ARGUMENT STATEMENT form completed, signed and dated. Indicate on the form in the area designated for the text "SEE ATTACHED".
10. Argument statements shall become public record on the 4<sup>th</sup> business day after the filing deadline.
11. Voters' pamphlets are prepared county by county. If the measure will be on the ballot in more than one county and you would like to have your ARGUMENT STATEMENT in the voters' pamphlets for more than one county, you must submit an ARGUMENT STATEMENT and filing fee (or petition) with each county elections office.

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## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING STATEMENT OF ENDORSEMENT**

If the name of a person or an organization is used in your Candidate's Statement as endorsing the candidate,

### **YOU MUST EITHER:**

- File a Statement of Endorsement signed by the person, stating that the person consents to the use of the name of the person in your Candidate's Statement;

### **OR**

- File a Statement of Endorsement signed by an authorized person on behalf of the organization, stating the organization consents to the use of the name of the organization in your Candidate's Statement;

### **AND**

- This Statement of Endorsement should be filed with the Candidate's Statement it relates to, and must be filed no later than the filing deadline for the Candidate's Statement.
- Faxed copies of the Statement of Endorsement are acceptable, but must be signed.

### **NOTE:**

- If a Statement of Endorsement is required and not received, the endorsement information will be removed from the Candidate's Statement.
- Lincoln County Elections will accept the Secretary of State's SEL 400 form in lieu of our County form.

If you have any questions, call the Lincoln County Clerk at 541-265-4131.

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