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Petition Information		Type		
This filing is an	<input type="checkbox"/> Original	<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initiative	<input type="checkbox"/> Referendum
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Title Subject or name you give your petition.
Protect the Yamhelas Westsider Trail

Petition Correspondence Select the method of receiving notices or other correspondence from the Filing Officer.

Correspondence Recipient Email Chief Petitioners Mail Chief Petitioners

Recipient Information

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Chief Petitioner Information Only chief petitioner's residential city and state will appear on petition sheets.

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Protect the Yamhelas Westsider Trail

It is Ordained by the People of Yamhill County:

Yamhill County holds interests in certain real property for transportation and recreation purposes that together form a continuous corridor commonly known as the Yamhelas Westsider Trail, and preservation of public access to this corridor promotes public safety, transportation connectivity, recreation, and the general welfare of county residents. It is therefore the policy of Yamhill County that public access to this corridor shall be preserved as a condition of any future transfer by the County of an interest in such property.

As a condition of any future transfer of Yamhelas Westsider Trail property, Yamhill County shall preserve the rights of the public to access and use the Yamhelas Westsider Trail. Preservation and protection of public access may be accomplished by reservation of a public right of way, reservation or grant of a perpetual public access easement, or another legally enforceable mechanism that provides equivalent protection. Nothing in this ordinance requires the County to transfer, or prohibits the County from retaining ownership of, any property.

For purposes of this ordinance, public access means free and open use of the corridor by the public for pedestrian travel, bicycle travel, equestrian travel, and other recreational or transportation uses consistent with a multi use path.

For purposes of this ordinance, Yamhelas Westsider Trail property means any interest in real property held by Yamhill County, whether consisting of fee title, easement, right of way, or other legally cognizable interest, that was acquired for rail, transportation, trail, or corridor purposes and lies within or connects segments of the former rail corridor commonly known as the Yamhelas Westsider Trail. The corridor described herein is further depicted and described in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated for descriptive purposes only.

The protections established by this ordinance apply generally to County-owned trail corridor property interests acquired or held for public transportation or recreational use and are not limited to a single trail or a single trail property.

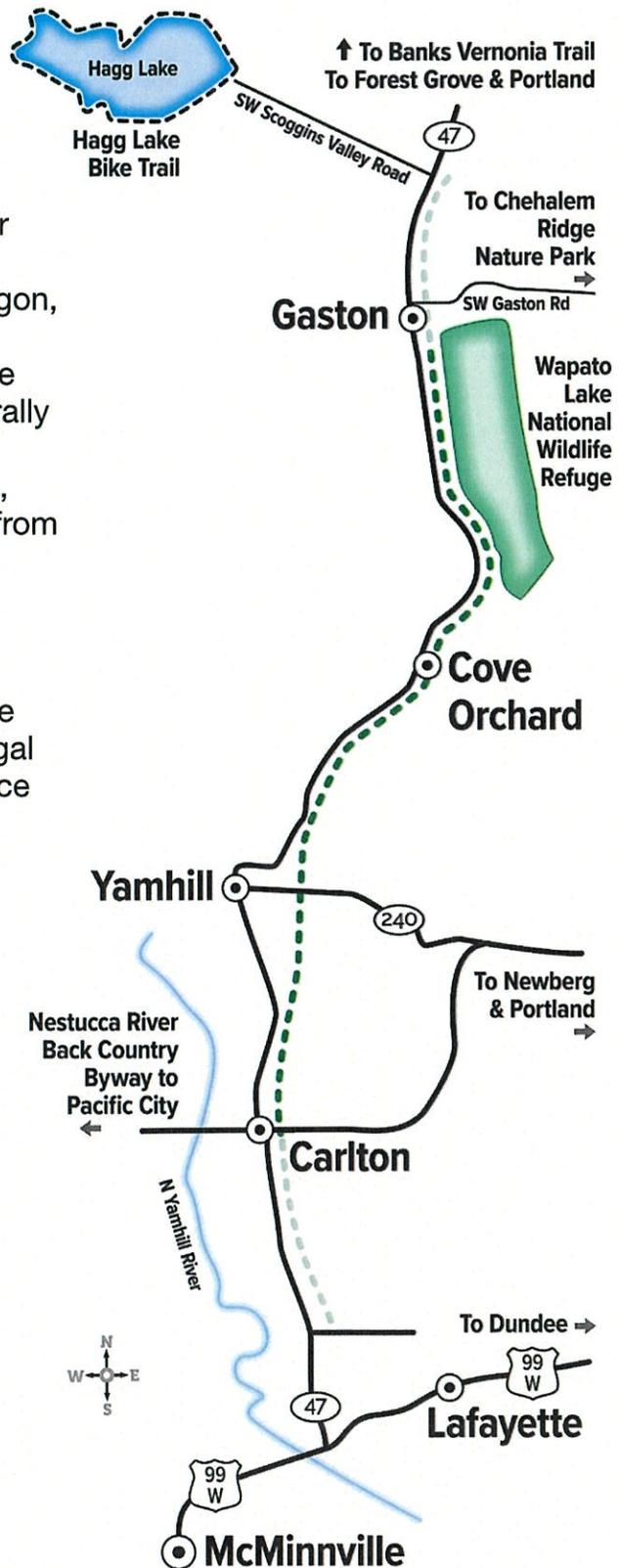
If adopted by the voters, this ordinance applies to any transfer of Yamhelas Westsider Trail property completed on or after the date this ordinance is first filed as a prospective petition with the Yamhill County elections officer. Nothing in this ordinance invalidates any transfer completed before that date.

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the initiative power of the people and the County's local legislative authority and establishes a general and prospective policy governing how Yamhill County may transfer certain classes of County owned property, is legislative in nature, and applies uniformly to all future Boards of County Commissioners. Consistent with the discretionary authority granted to counties under ORS chapters 271 and 275, it is the policy of Yamhill County that County-owned property acquired or held primarily for trail corridor purposes shall be subject to this ordinance. If any provision of this ordinance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Exhibit A: Yamhelas Westsider Trail Corridor

The Yamhelas Westsider Trail corridor generally follows a former railroad alignment within Yamhill County, Oregon, extending approximately 15 miles between the McMinnville area and the vicinity of Gaston. The corridor generally parallels Oregon Highway 47 and connects the communities of Carlton, Yamhill, Cove Orchard, and Gaston, from south of Gun Club Road near McMinnville to near the Yamhill-Washington County boundary.

This exhibit is provided for descriptive and illustrative purposes only. The legal scope and application of the ordinance are governed by the text of the ordinance, not by this exhibit.



Proposed Ballot Title (10 words):

Preserves Public Use of Yamhelas Westsider Trail Despite Transfer, Sale.

Proposed Ballot Question (15 words):

Shall Yamhill County preserve public rights to use Yamhelas Westsider Trail despite transfer or sale?