

County of Yamhill

# VOTERS' PAMPHLET



**November 5, 2019**  
**Special Election**

This Voters' Pamphlet will arrive approximately one week before your ballot so you have a chance to become informed before voting.

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Dear Fellow Yamhill County Voter,

This is your Yamhill County Voters' Pamphlet for the November 5, 2019, Special Election. This pamphlet provides information about one measure on the ballot for your consideration. The City of McMinnville submitted the measure's Ballot Title but elected not to provide an Explanatory Statement. As required by County Ordinance, when a jurisdiction does not supply an Explanatory Statement, the County Clerk must create one.

Measure arguments are included in this pamphlet for a fee. The Clerk's Office does not create arguments for or against any measure.

We print the text of each argument exactly as the author submitted it. Text is cut off after exceeding the maximum number of words allowed. The law forbids us from making corrections for punctuation, grammar, syntax errors or inaccurate information. Those submitting arguments for the voters' pamphlet are solely responsible for the content.

This pamphlet includes the only measure submitted in Yamhill County for this Special November Election.

Since the only contest in this election is for the City of McMinnville, we will only be opening McMinnville area drop sites. Look for the list of Official Ballot Drop Sites in this pamphlet or on our website. You may deposit your ballot in any drop site listed, 24 hours per day.

**Ballots deposited in an Official Ballot Drop Site get to us postage-free.**  
**If you mail your ballot, you must apply proper postage.**

Remember, **postmarks do not count**. Your ballot must be in an Official Ballot Drop Site or at the Yamhill County Clerk's Office by **8:00 p.m.** on Election Day, **November 5, 2019**.

We invite any voter who needs assistance in voting because of any disability to contact us. We will make every effort to meet your voting needs. Please contact us at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Van Bergen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "B" at the end.

Brian Van Bergen  
Yamhill County Clerk

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**Please  
Remember To Sign Your  
Return Envelope!**



**Yes, we check every signature!**

Before any ballot return envelope is opened, a human compares the signature on the envelope with the signature in the voter's registration file. If the signatures do not match, the envelope is not opened.

## VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

To be eligible to vote in the November 5, 2019, Special Election, a completed voter registration card must be on file with the Yamhill County Clerk by no later than 5:00 p.m., October 15, 2019.

### YOU MAY REGISTER TO VOTE IF:

- You are a citizen of the United States
- You are at least 16 years of age (*you may vote if you will be 18 years of age or older on election day*)
- You are a resident of Oregon

### YOU MUST RE-REGISTER TO VOTE IF:

- Your residence or mailing address changes
- Your name changes
- You wish to change party affiliation

## VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

When you receive your ballot packet in the mail, immediately examine it to make certain it is complete. It should contain the following items:

- A printed ballot on which you may vote;
- A secrecy sleeve with instructions printed on it; and
- A pre-addressed blue-trimmed return envelope in which to return your ballot

If any items are missing, contact the Yamhill County Clerk's Office at 503-434-7518, and a replacement ballot packet will be sent to you.

## VOTING & CORRECTING YOUR BALLOT

If you make an error on your ballot, spoil it in any way, or lose it, you may obtain a replacement ballot by contacting the Yamhill County Clerk's Office at 503-434-7518.

## RETURNING YOUR VOTED BALLOT

- Follow the instructions on the secrecy sleeve
- Fold your ballot along the pre-scored fold and insert it into the optional secrecy sleeve, if desired
- Insert ballot (or ballot and secrecy sleeve) into the blue-trimmed return envelope
- **SEAL** the blue-trimmed return envelope and **SIGN** the statement on the back of the envelope
- Mail or place the return envelope in an Official Ballot Drop Box

Your ballot will not be counted if your return envelope is not signed.

### IMPORTANT NOTE:

**If you have moved or your name has changed  
and you have not yet re-registered, you may still be able to do so.**

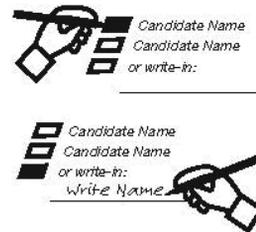
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YAMHILL COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE  
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# How to cast your vote:

## 1 Complete your ballot

To vote, completely fill in the box next to your choice.

*(There is only one measure in this election. There are no candidates to consider.)*



## 2 Check for errors

If you vote for more options than are allowed, your vote **will not count** for that contest.

If you would like to change your choice on a contest, draw a solid line through your original choice, then make your next selection.

If you think you made a mistake, call the Yamhill County Elections Office.

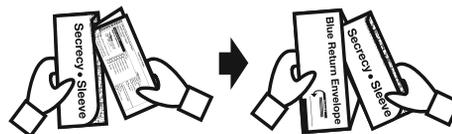


## 3 Optional: Use the “secrecy” sleeve

If you use the optional “secrecy” sleeve, put only your voted ballot (not another person’s ballot) inside. Then, put only your secrecy sleeve inside your return envelope.

*(If we receive an envelope with more than one ballot inside, all enclosed ballots are rejected and not counted.)*

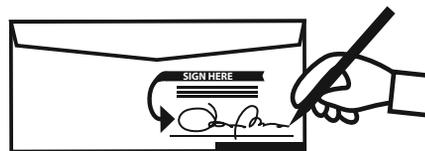
**You are not required to use the “secrecy” sleeve.**



## 4 Sign your return envelope

You must sign your return envelope or **your vote will not count.**

We verify every signature on every envelope against the voter files.



## 5 Return your ballot

- By mail - Be sure to apply proper postage
- At any Official Ballot Drop Site *(see list on the back of this pamphlet)*
- At the County Clerk’s/Elections Office

### Yamhill County Elections

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**Please  
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only sign the return envelope that  
belongs to you!**



## **Signing another person's envelope is against the law!**

**By signing a ballot envelope you are certifying that:**

- you are a United States citizen;
- you are the person to whom the ballot was issued;
- you are legally qualified to vote the ballot;
- that is the only ballot you voted this election, and
- you still live at the address printed on the envelope.

**WARNING:** Signing another person's name to a ballot envelope is a Class C Felony

## City of McMinnville

### Referred by the City of McMinnville Measure 36-202

#### **Charter Amendment: Restricts City Regulations and Fees on Care Facilities.**

**Question:** Shall Charter prohibit McMinnville from imposing standards of care or taxes/ fees/ fines primarily or exclusively on Care Facilities?

**Summary:** If passed, Measure would amend the City Charter to prohibit McMinnville from:

Enacting or enforcing any ordinance or regulation imposing a tax, fee, fine or similar assessment primarily or exclusively on Care Facilities; and

Enacting or enforcing ordinances and regulations that impose standards of care on "Care Facilities" already subject to federal or state requirements.

The Measure applies to "Care Facilities" that provide services to the elderly or individuals with physical/ mental disabilities, such as long term and residential care facilities, assisted living facilities, and memory care communities. These facilities are currently regulated by state and federal laws.

The Measure would also repeal Ordinance 5059 and Resolution 2018-54, which apply to Care Facilities. They establish EMS/ Fire Department fees and City licensing requirements, fees, and fines for Care Facilities, including a \$500 license application fee, a \$200 per bed licensing fee, and a \$1,500 fine for calling an ambulance if the City determines the ambulance was medically unnecessary.

The Measure would not prohibit or directly impact City fees or regulations of general application.

## City of McMinnville

### Explanatory Statement Measure 36-202

**This measure would amend the McMinnville City Charter.** If passed it would prohibit the City of McMinnville from imposing standards of care, taxes, fees, or fines primarily or exclusively on Care Facilities.

Specifically, the measure would prohibit the City of McMinnville from:

- Enacting or enforcing any ordinance or regulation imposing a tax, fee, fine or similar assessment primarily or exclusively on Care Facilities; and
- Enacting or enforcing ordinances and regulations that impose standards of care on "Care Facilities" already subject to federal or state requirements.

The Measure applies to "Care Facilities" that provide services to the elderly or individuals with physical or mental disabilities, such as long-term and residential care facilities, assisted living facilities, and memory care communities. These facilities are currently regulated by state and federal laws.

The Measure would also repeal McMinnville City Ordinance 5059 and Resolution 2018-54, which apply to Care Facilities. Ordinance 5059 and Resolution 2018-54 established EMS/Fire Department fees and City licensing requirements, fees, and fines for Care Facilities, including a \$500 license application fee, a \$200 per bed licensing fee, and a \$1,500 fine for calling an ambulance if the City determines the ambulance was medically unnecessary.

The Measure only addresses targeted fees and or regulations and would not prohibit or directly impact City fees or regulations of general application.

*Information furnished by Brian Van Bergen  
Yamhill County Clerk (the City of McMinnville declined to submit)*

## City of McMinnville

### Measure 36-202 Argument in Support

**The Alzheimer's Association supports a YES vote on Measure 36-202**

Alzheimer's is the nation's largest under-recognized public health crisis. As the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research, the Alzheimer's Association urges voters to **vote YES on Measure 36-202**.

The fees imposed by the City of McMinnville on residential, assisted living, nursing and memory care facilities negatively impact people living with Alzheimer's or other dementias. By age 80, 75 percent of those with Alzheimer's are expected to be admitted to a nursing home, compared with just four percent of the general population. Among those living in residential care settings, 42 percent are living with Alzheimer's or another dementia. We encourage all cities to be proactively dementia-friendly and adopt policies that support dignified aging for all.

**Voting Yes on Measure 36-202** repeals expensive fees levied by the city that do nothing to enhance quality care for seniors living in care facilities, including those living with Alzheimer's or another dementia. These unnecessary fees could force the cost of care to rise or require cutbacks to existing programs offered to seniors in care facilities.

The current ordinance does not serve the best interest of the individuals and families living with dementia. If the city has concerns about care, the Alzheimer's Association welcomes the opportunity to participate in a constructive and collaborative dialogue.

**Please vote YES on Measure 36-202.**

*Information furnished by Alzheimer's Association*

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## City of McMinnville

### Measure 36-202 Argument in Support

**ADVOCATES FOR SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES ASK FOR A YES VOTE TO REPEAL THE UNFAIR TAX ON SENIORS**

The Oregon State Council For Retired Citizens, United Seniors of Oregon, and The Campaign for Seniors and People with Disabilities, ask for your **YES VOTE TO REPEAL THE UNFAIR TAX ON SENIORS**.

Our organizations advocate on behalf of senior citizens, people with disabilities, low-income Oregonians, consumers, care providers, and organized labor. Though we do not always agree, we are coming together to ask McMinnville residents to reject policies that are damaging for residents of senior care communities.

**A YES vote TO REPEAL THE UNFAIR TAX ON SENIORS will protect seniors by preserving Oregon's system of strong and uniform care standards.** If every local government in Oregon adopted the same approach as McMinnville, it would create a patchwork of different regulations and care standards in each city in Oregon. City by city regulation would create conflicts with the extensive state and federal regulations for care providers and lead to confusion for care providers and their employees.

#### **Why Didn't the City Council Seek Input or Advice from Experts?**

None of our organizations or other experts on aging were involved in the adoption of McMinnville's new system of regulations and fines on senior care providers. That lack of expertise resulted in city regulations that are not consistent with state and federal regulations and fail to recognize the basic differences in long term care settings.

#### **The City Council of McMinnville Over-Reached**

Uniform care standards that are developed and enforced by professionals with expertise and training on long term care services and supports protects seniors and their caregivers. **Please support quality senior care by voting YES to REPEAL the Discriminatory Tax on Seniors--Measure 36-202.**

*Information furnished by Campaign for Seniors and People With Disabilities*

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## City of McMinnville

### Measure 36-202 Argument in Support

The Oregon Consumer League asks for your  
**YES VOTE to PROTECT SENIORS**

For 50 years, the Oregon Consumer League has worked to protect Oregonians' rights through education, policy development and advocacy. We work to advance pro-consumer policies at all levels and defend against policies that harm Oregon consumers. In that light, today we ask for your **YES vote on Measure 36-202 to protect consumers of long term care services in the city of McMinnville.**

#### **No Consultation, No Input from local Citizens or Groups... WHY?**

Without consultation with any consumer groups, the city of McMinnville passed a set of fees, fines, and taxes targeted at seniors and their care providers. The stated purpose was to recoup costs associated with higher emergency services utilization for seniors in care communities. We do not dispute this – seniors require more frequent emergency services because along with the aging process comes increased health problems, and legitimate concerns about those problems.

#### **Why Should Seniors be Double TAXED?**

We all pay taxes already to pay for public services, regardless of whether we use them at this stage in our lives or not. And when McMinnville's seniors were in the workforce, they paid in hard work and taxes for the care of their elders. They paid it forward. Are we now going to turn our backs when it is our turn to support them? Are we now penalizing and fining citizens for the normal impacts of aging? A double tax is not a very compassionate or age-friendly response by the City of McMinnville to their older citizens.

**We ask voters to support consumer-friendly policies and vote YES to REPEAL the Unfair tax on Seniors.**

*Information furnished by Oregon Consumer League*

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# Questions?

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## Email:

[elections@co.yamhill.or.us](mailto:elections@co.yamhill.or.us)

## Visit:

414 NE Evans St  
McMinnville, Oregon

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Election Day hours:  
7:00 a.m to 8:00 p.m.,  
Tuesday, November 5, 2019



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registration online at  
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## City of McMinnville

### Measure 36-202 Argument in Support

#### Care Center Residents ASK for your YES Vote to REPEAL the Discriminatory Tax on Seniors

We, the undersigned residents of Fircrest Senior Living in McMinnville, ask for your **support of Measure 36-202 to repeal a set of taxes, fees, and fines** that were instituted by the McMinnville City Council without any input from Care Providers or their residents.

#### **NO Public Input from the Community or Care Centers**

We are very disappointed by the lack of engagement from city council with the senior community over these issues. There was no broad outreach to senior residents like ourselves, senior citizen advocates, or the organizations in which we live. Seniors, as I'm sure you're all aware, are an extremely active segment of the electorate. We show up. And we want to be involved on issues that affect us. In this instance, **we were not given an opportunity.**

#### **Vote YES to Repeal The Tax on Seniors**

A YES vote on Measure 36-202 repeals an ordinance that discriminates against us based on where we live and imposes taxes only on those in care communities but not those who are still able to reside in their own homes. We should not be punished. Many seniors who live in our care community and others in McMinnville are on fixed incomes, and the ordinances' additional costs will inevitably lead to an increase in the cost of care.

There are better solutions to a city's financial challenges than to balance the budget on the backs of seniors and those who provide care. **Please Vote YES to REPEAL the DISCRIMINATORY TAX ON SENIORS.**

S. Michael Symons  
Bob Bacon  
Nathan L. McCune  
Elizabeth Atkinson  
Glenda Vasquez  
Reva Bauerlein  
Walter Dudek  
Juanita Lee  
John Hamilton  
Anne Mansfield  
Eric Wright

*Information furnished by S Michael Symons*

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## City of McMinnville

### Measure 36-202 Argument in Support

#### NURSE SAYS VOTE YES TO REPEAL THE DISCRIMINATORY TAX ON CARE FACILITIES, SENIORS AND THE DISABLED

As a licensed nurse working in a long term care community in McMinnville, I'm asking for you to vote **YES on Measure 36-202.** A **YES vote** will protect seniors and their care providers from costly taxes, fees, and fines.

#### **PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES PUT AT-RISK**

The most critical component of a caregiver's role is supporting the safety and well-being of their residents. On occasion, a caregiver's role is to call 911 and seek further assistance. It's never an easy choice, but when you're caring for a vulnerable population it's simply part of the job.

**The decision should be based entirely on whether a resident's care needs require escalation.** Unfortunately, the City of McMinnville thought it could raise money off these challenging situations by implementing a \$1500 fine for allegedly unnecessary calls. This is an absurd fine. Let me explain.

#### **\$1500 FINE IS JUST TOO MUCH**

First of all, a \$1500 fine is egregiously high - that's nearly half what a community is paid to provide care FOR A MONTH under Medicaid!

#### **NO COMMUNITY CONVERSATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL**

Second, the City clearly did not engage any experts on long term care when designing their fine, as it does not distinguish between the different levels of care. Skilled nursing facilities, for example, provide an entirely different scope of services than assisted living communities. The current \$1500 fine does not acknowledge or account for these differences - that's entirely unreasonable and illogical.

I'm proud to work in caregiving. It's truly my calling. But it's a challenging job. The city shouldn't be making it harder for me to provide excellent care, nor should they be making it more expensive for seniors to receive excellent care. Please vote **YES TO STOP THE UNFAIR TAX ON SENIORS AND THE DISABLED.**

*Information furnished by Carla Strombom*

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## City of McMinnville

### Measure 36-202 Argument in Support

#### LOCAL SENIOR CARE PROVIDERS URGE YES VOTE TO REPEAL UNFAIR AND DISCRIMINATORY CITY COUNCIL MEASURE

As McMinnville care providers, we were very disappointed by the City's adoption of a series of fees, fines and taxes aimed at the services we provide and residents we care for. No other city in Oregon has tried to balance its budget by increasing the cost of senior care, in some cases by tens of thousands of dollars a year.

**Please repeal the city's misguided taxes, fees and fines by voting yes on Measure 36-202.**

We would like to share some of the reasons why we are advocating for the passage of Measure 36-202:

- **Cost of Care:** The city's new fines, fees, and taxes are expensive – up to **\$20,000 a year**. Inevitably these costs will be passed along to our residents, many of whom are on **fixed incomes**.
- **Fairness:** Local senior care providers are already paying their fair share; we pay more than **\$1 million a year collectively in property taxes to support local public services**. The city's taxes, fees and fines result in **double-taxation**. **Also, our residents paid their taxes throughout their lives so that city services like 9-1-1 would be available when they needed it.**
- **Quality Care:** The city council did not include experts on aging and long term care in drafting their ordinance. The result is a policy that makes it more difficult to provide quality care, while confusing residents, families, and staff. **The city shouldn't be making quality care more difficult.**

Please support affordable, quality care by voting **YES to repeal these discriminatory fines, fees, and taxes.**

Vineyard Heights Assisted Living  
Maple Valley Memory Care  
Marjorie House Memory Care  
Cherrywood Memory Care  
Brookdale City Center  
Brookdale Town Center  
Brookdale Hillside  
Harmony Living  
Prestige McMinnville  
The Springs Living  
Fircrest Senior Living  
Parkland Village

*Information furnished by Parkland Village*

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## City of McMinnville

### Measure 36-202 Argument in Support

#### ROCK OF AGES AND LEADINGAGE OREGON SUPPORT A YES VOTE TO REPEAL THE DISCRIMINATORY TAX ON SENIORS

Rock of Ages Valley View Retirement Village in McMinnville and LeadingAge Oregon, a statewide association of not-for-profit aging services organizations, urge you to vote **YES on Measure 36-202 TO REPEAL THE DISCRIMINATORY TAX ON SENIORS.**

**Non-profit senior care providers know that** additional expenses make providing affordable senior care services more challenging. Most seniors are already concerned about the rising cost of long-term care services.

**We do not believe that senior care providers and their residents, many on fixed incomes of moderate means, should be singled out to help raise additional revenue for the City of McMinnville. A host of new fines, fees and taxes are expensive – costing some more than \$20,000 a year.** We believe revenue raising measures should be fairly applied, McMinnville's is not.

**Additionally, the \$1500 fine for calling EMS is too high and scares caregivers out of calling 9-1-1 when perhaps they should.** Our caregivers should be focused on one thing alone when making tough decisions about calling 911 – does the resident require a higher level of assistance? Scaring caregivers that that if they make an unnecessary call their community will incur a \$1,500 fine puts seniors care at risk. A \$1500 fine for one call is about **half the amount that Medicaid pays for an entire month of assisted living care.**

At Rock of Ages, we currently care for 110 seniors, most of whom are on fixed incomes or Medicaid pays for their care. Our entire focus is on providing quality care for our residents and the city shouldn't be making that job harder and more costly.

We are proud to provide care in Yamhill County. Tell City Hall that taxing seniors and scaring caregivers is not the McMinnville way. **Please vote YES to REPEAL the Taxes, Fees, and Fines!**

*Information furnished by LeadingAge Oregon*

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## City of McMinnville

### Measure 36-202 Argument in Support

#### Oregon State Fire Fighters Council Urges YES Vote on Measure 36-202

Fire fighters respond to over 1000 calls a day for service across Oregon. Your Paramedics and EMT's do so with professionalism and compassion each and every call. We develop a bond with those in need in their community. When you call, we respond – no matter who you are or where you live.

The City of McMinnville adopted a misguided ordinance that singles out some of our most vulnerable seniors residing in care communities with severe impact fines placing caregivers in fear of calling for our assistance. **The firefighters and paramedics who are on the front lines believe this is the wrong approach.** Everyone should have equal access to emergency services regardless of where they call home.

#### Public Policies Should Be Fair and Not Cause Fear

Calling a Firefighter Paramedic for a problem should not cause fear in a caregiver when someone is hurt or needing our services. It goes against our training and our calling to serve. Fire and Paramedic services benefit everyone and public policies should not discriminate against vulnerable residents who need our services more in their senior years.

There are more reasonable and effective approaches to reducing unnecessary EMS calls. We encourage city officials to work collaboratively with senior care providers and aging experts, health care professionals, community leaders and firefighter paramedics on common sense solutions that are fair and broad based without jeopardizing the safety of seniors residing in care communities.

**The Oregon State Fire Fighters Council asks for a YES vote on Measure 36-202** to repeal the city ordinance that imposes taxes and fines on seniors and their caregivers. We urge a better approach through collaboration and coordination in providing our services to seniors.

*Information furnished by Oregon State Fire Fighters Council*

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## City of McMinnville

### Measure 36-202 Argument in Support

#### CHAMBER ENCOURAGES A YES VOTE

**The McMinnville Area Chamber of Commerce supports Measure 36-202.** The Measure aims to overturn City Ordinance No. 5059, which was passed by the City Council in October 2018 and established targeted taxes and fees on residential senior care facilities operating within McMinnville. Ordinance No. 5059 was intended to address the misuse of taxpayer-funded emergency medical services by a small number of care facilities in our area.

**No other city in Oregon has enacted a tax solely on senior care facilities, and other cities have succeeded in working with individual facilities to establish a sensible framework for EMS system misuse.** The Chamber supports efforts to ensure that the EMS services we all rely on remain viable and ready to support all our citizens.

**However, addressing challenges by creating a “specialty business license,” and unilaterally enacting new business taxes and fees is not a process the Chamber can support.** As the population of elderly citizens who both choose and need to reside in care facilities continues to grow over the coming years, our diverse and caring community of citizens, businesses, and public servants should be brought together for further discussion on these complex issues. Through a collaborative process, we can ensure that both City services and the quality of care received in care facilities improve over time. The Chamber stands with seniors and their advocates because our community deserves the opportunity to have their voices heard on this important issue.

**We encourage your YES vote on Measure 36-202** so that collaborative and meaningful dialogue continues, and underlying issues are identified and resolved.

*Information furnished by McMinnville Area Chamber of Commerce*

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## City of McMinnville

### Measure 36-202 Argument in Opposition

McMinnville, we have an important measure on this ballot, backed by "Oregon Health Care Association". OHCA works with local, state and federal policymakers to promote policies that ensure the independence and choice of those living in long term care. Their members are primarily made up of multi-facility operators with fifteen care homes within McMinnville. These companies incorporated out of State are as follows: 3 - Delaware, 4 - Tennessee, 2 - California, 1 - Washington. The OHCA is a lobbyist organization for these large corporations and have used scare tactics in their approach to McMinnville. An example of these tactics is in a letter I received from a senior living in McMinnville:

"Mayor, I got a phone call yesterday from a National Polling Service. They wanted to know if I was a voter of Oregon. Did I know about the City of McMinnville, that they were taxing the elderly, blind, crippled and the nursing homes of McMinnville. I explained that was not true, but the woman kept going on about how bad the City was. I thought you would want to know that the nursing home-owners have a strong phone campaign going against the city."

Last October, the City Council passed Ordinance 5059 after a study indicated that in 2018 we had received 500 non-emergency calls from care facilities. Within this Ordinance a \$1,500 fee has been assessed for each non-emergency EMT call made from care facilities in order to offset the cost to the City. This misuse of our EMT system had placed undue pressure on the City's ability to service the real emergencies which, previous to the Ordinance, had been paid by you as taxpayers. Since October we have had only two non-emergency calls.

Ordinance 5059 is good for McMinnville and our ability to provide needed emergency services to our citizens. A "NO" vote to this Measure allows the City to continue to levy fees against non-emergency EMT calls.

Scott A. Hill  
Mayor, McMinnville

*Information furnished by Scott A Hill*

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## City of McMinnville

### Measure 36-202 Argument in Opposition

When you must place your loved one in care facility because of a medical condition or dementia that requires significantly more care than you can safely provide at home there are many decisions to be made. Long term care in a care facility can run from \$4,000 to over \$10,000 per month. At this level of financial commitment there shouldn't be a concern about whether the facilities you are considering meet the requirements of due care, but it is something you should closely examine before you make a decision.

Review the Oregon Department of Human Services Aging and People with Disabilities web page. In McMinnville alone a search shows 400 substantiated licensing and abuse violations from 2010 to the beginning of 2019 in the City's care facilities. All 15 facilities are responsible for these violations. This is why the new specialty license for care facilities was created.

There are limited State and Federal resources for such oversight and the Long-Term Care Ombudsman lacks inspection or investigation authority. The Oregon State Fire Marshall **requires** that the local fire department inspect care facilities. City Ordinance 5059, the Specialty Business License for Care Facilities, is the City Council's response to funding the costs of this requirement.

Updated research on gaps in care facility regulatory oversight have been documented. The Oregon Healthcare Association feedback from local care facility residents and local firefighters has driven the need for this intervention for the safety of our most helpless seniors.

A facility manager's average term of employment is 3 months according to the State LTC Ombudsman. Some consistency is desperately needed in safety training for all staff. That is the reason for Ordinance 5059. It protects our seniors.

Finally, the City Council expects a reduction of 500 unnecessary EMS calls a year which will result in financial saving to the City Fire Department and help improve timely emergency care for all the residents of the City of McMinnville.

*Information furnished by Kellie S Menke*

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**What if I did not receive a ballot?**

Call the Yamhill County Elections Office at 503-434-7518.

You might need to update your voter registration.

**I went to the DMV and got (or updated) my license but didn't receive a ballot. Why? What do I do?**

There are many reasons why the new "Oregon Motor Voter" process may not have been completed. Please call our office immediately for assistance.

**What if I have moved and changed my residence or mailing address?**

You may update your voter registration in our office or at the website [www.oregonvotes.gov](http://www.oregonvotes.gov). You will be issued the correct ballot for your new address.

**Is postage required if I place my ballot in an Official Ballot Drop Site?**

No.

**If I choose not to vote on a contest, will the rest of my ballot count?**

Yes.

**Yamhill County Elections**

web: [www.co.yamhill.or.us/clerk](http://www.co.yamhill.or.us/clerk)

ph: (503) 434-7518

email: [elections@co.yamhill.or.us](mailto:elections@co.yamhill.or.us)

tty: (800) 735-2900

414 NE Evans St, McMinnville, Oregon 97128-4607

## What if I forgot to put my ballot in the secrecy sleeve and I have already sealed my white/blue envelope?

The secrecy sleeve is not required for your ballot to be counted. However, if you wish to use it, you may carefully open the envelope and tape it closed again or simply come to our office for a replacement envelope.

## Is it too late to update my voter registration?

No. You have up until Election Day, November 5th to update your voter registration and receive a ballot if you are currently registered in Oregon.

## When is the last day to mail my ballot and have it received by the Yamhill County Clerk's Office?

The United States Postal Service recommends mailing 1 week before the Election (October 29th, 2019) for your ballot to reach us on time. **Postmarks do not count!**

## When will results be available?

The first results should be available just after 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 5th. For election results you may visit our website at:

<https://www.co.yamhill.or.us/elections>

*(Be sure to "refresh" your browser each time you look for new results.)*

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## NOTICE

You may deliver your voted ballot to the following Yamhill County  
Official Ballot Drop Sites, 24 hours a day — 7 days a week.  
All drop sites close at 8:00 p.m. Election Day, November 5, 2019.

# Yamhill County Official Ballot Drop Sites open for this Special Election

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### McMinnville

Chemeketa - McMinnville Campus  
288 NE Norton Lane

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### McMinnville

Yamhill County Clerk's Office  
414 NE Evans Street

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### McMinnville

Courthouse (inside lobby)  
535 NE 5th Street

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### McMinnville

Courthouse Drive-Through Drop Box  
East end of Courthouse Parking Lot  
Enter on 5th and Ford Streets