

**ORDINANCE NO. 770**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WILSONVILLE CODE, SECTION 2.420(i); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, the last sentence of Wilsonville Code Section 2.420(1) currently presented for a ballot title: “Such ballot title shall in no case exceed 150 words, and shall not resemble insofar as possible any other ballot title filed for any measure.”; and

WHEREAS, ORS 250.635 (1) prescribes the form for ballot titles for state and local measures, and for other than state measures prescribes the maximum of 10 words for a caption, 20 words for a question and 175 words for a summary; and

WHEREAS, the limit in the last sentence of W.C. 2.40(1) has been interpreted by past City Councils as a limit to the summary portion, nevertheless, it is not clear and can lead to confusion with the state law and the state law provides for a greater ability to provide for a concise and impartial statement summarizing a measure and its major effects; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to refer a measure for the November 2015 election and, to do so in accordance with the ORS 250.035(1), time is of the essence to meet the time frame for filing the measure and to meet the public’s interest and welfare in voting on a measure at a general election which historically sees more voter participation.

NOW, THEREFORE THE CITY OF WILSONVILLE ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The above recitals are incorporated herein as findings.
2. The last sentence of W.C. 2.240(1) is deleted and is replaced as follows:  
“The form of a ballot title to be initiated or referred shall follow the form prescribed in ORS 250.035(1).”
3. Based on the findings herein an emergency is declared and this Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

SUBMITTED to the Wilsonville City Council and read for the first time and second time at a regular meeting thereof on July 20, 2015, commencing at 7:00 P.M. at the Wilsonville City Hall.

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Sandra C. King, MMC, City Recorder

ENACTED by the City Council on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015 by the following votes:

Yes:-5-      No: -0-

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DATED and signed by the Mayor the \_\_\_\_\_ day of July, 2015.

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TIM KNAPP, Mayor

**SUMMARY OF VOTES:**

Mayor Knapp - Yes  
Council President Starr - Yes  
Councilor Lehan - Yes  
Councilor Fitzgerald - Yes  
Councilor Stevens - Yes