

2014 charter vote

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Measure 26-160 extends a 12-year-old law that prohibits Metro-mandated density increases in single-family neighborhoods.

Measure 26-160 asks voters at the Nov. 4, 2014 election whether to keep an existing provision in the Metro Charter that prohibits Metro from requiring local cities and counties to increase the number of homes in existing single-family neighborhoods. Voters approved the provision in 2002. It requires the Metro Council to refer the provision to voters again this November.

If a majority of voters in the Nov. 4 election vote yes on Measure 26-160, the existing provision will remain in effect until the question is again put to the voters in 2030. If a majority of voters vote no on Measure 26-160, this provision will be repealed on June 30, 2015.

Managing the growing metropolitan region involves many partners: Metro, cities, counties, water districts, parks districts, TriMet, businesses, community organizations, citizen activists and others.

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This information is also provided online at oregonmetro.gov/measure 26-160. For more information, contact Jim Middaugh at 503-797-1505 or jim.middaugh@oregonmetro.gov.

The ballot measure question reads as follows:

Shall Metro Charter provision prohibiting Metro from requiring density increases in single-family neighborhoods be retained, with 16-year sunset?

Retains provision in Metro Charter prohibiting Metro from requiring local governments to increase density in identified existing single-family neighborhoods. Requires revote in 2030 to remain effective. This prohibition was approved by voters in 2002 and is required by Metro Charter to be voted on again at the November 2014 general election. A “yes” vote on this measure would retain the prohibition for 16 years; a “no” vote repeals the prohibition on June 30, 2015.