

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In re: An Ordinance Allowing the)
County Governing Body to)
Place on an Official Ballot)
Matters of Community Interest.)
_____)

NO. 78-2

ORDINANCE

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY,
OREGON ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

It shall be permissible for the Board of County Commissioners, hereafter Board, to present to the County Clerk, Elections Officer, issues of community interest which may influence the citizens of Columbia County, Oregon. Issues presented to the Elections Officer shall not be limited to matters over which the county has jurisdiction, but may include questions on state or federal actions which influence the citizens of this county.

I. Method of Presentation of Issues to Clerk.

The Board shall by resolution direct the Elections Officer to place issues of community interest on the official ballot for either the general or primary election. The resolution shall contain a clear and distinct statement of the issues in the form as it will appear on the ballot. The resolution shall be delivered to the Elections Officer not sooner than 120 days before the date of the election and not later than 50 days before the date of the election. The Elections Officer shall deliver all such measures to a printer, to be included in a county voters' pamphlet, the printer to be selected in accordance with all provisions of the public contracting law, at least 60 days prior to the date of the election and shall thereafter, at least 20 days prior to the election, place in the mail to each postoffice mailing address in Columbia County, Oregon, and shall use such additional means of distribution necessary to make copies of the voters' pamphlet available to all electors.

II. Ballot Title and Explanatory Information.

The Board shall have the sole responsibility to prepare the ballot title and any explanatory information concerning the issue. Explanatory material shall contain no argument on the issue, but shall contain all pertinent information concerning the reasons why the information sought through a vote on the issue is, in fact, being sought.

III. Effect of Vote.

The results of an election held on the issue here allowed shall be advisory only and shall not bind the Board to any action.

IV. Emergency.

An emergency is hereby declared to exist; upon compliance with statutory requirements this ordinance shall become immediately effective.

DATED this 15 day of March, 1978.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

Robert M. Hunt aye nay
Chairman

Cleo W. Horn aye nay
Commissioner

J. Albani aye nay
Commissioner

Read in full : March 15, 1978
Read, title only : March 15, 1978
Attesting Secretary : Ann Salvey