

RESOLUTION NO. 99-026

A RESOLUTION REFERRING TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF
THE DALLES, A MEASURE TO AMEND THE CITY CHARTER
CONCERNING COMPENSATION FOR THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, at the Goal Setting Session on August 2, 1999, the City Council requested the City Attorney to prepare a proposed amendment to the City Charter which would establish the authority for the City Council to set an amount for compensation to be paid to the Mayor and City Council members; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the recommendation of the City Attorney and staff concerning a proposed amendment to the City Charter, and wishes to refer the proposed measure to the voters of the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council hereby approves the measure attached as Exhibit "A" to amend the City Charter, for submission to the voters of the City, and hereby directs and authorizes the proposed Charter amendment to be submitted to the legal voters of the City at the general election to be held on November 2, 1999.

Section 2. Provided a majority of the legal voters of the City of The Dalles approves the measure, the proposed amendment shall become effective upon certification of the vote.

Section 3. The election will be conducted by the Wasco County Elections Department by mail ballots.

Section 4. The precincts for said election shall be and constitute all of the territory included within the corporate limits of the City of The Dalles.

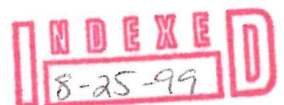
Section 5. This resolution shall be filed with the City Clerk upon passage.

Section 6. The ballot title for the proposed measure, which shall appear on the ballot, shall be as follows:

Exhibit "A"

Caption: MEASURE ESTABLISHING AUTHORITY FOR
COMPENSATION OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Question: Shall the City Charter be amended to allow for compensation to be paid to the Mayor and City Council?



Explanation:

Section 28 of the City Charter currently provides City Councilors and the Mayor may be reimbursed for expenses they incur while serving the City. The Charter prohibits any councilor and mayor from receiving compensation for serving as an officer for the City.

Under the proposed Charter amendment, the City Council may provide for the Mayor and City Council to be paid for serving as an officer of the City. The amount of any compensation to be paid would have to be established by an ordinance adopted by the Council. The amount of compensation would be intended to compensate citizens for the time and effort committed to serve as a councilor or mayor, and to encourage elected or appointed officials to dedicate their resources and efforts to serve the citizens of The Dalles to the best of their abilities.

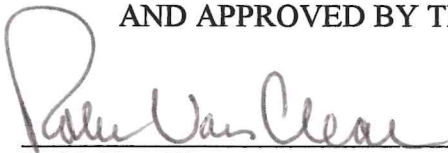
Section 7. The City Clerk is directed to publish a notice of the ballot title in the next available edition of a newspaper of general circulation in the City of The Dalles. The notice shall contain the ballot title under which the question will appear on the ballot, set forth the time and place of the election, state that an elector may file a petition for review of the ballot title, and state the deadline for filing such a petition.

Section 8. The Elections Department of Wasco County is hereby instructed to prepare the ballots and take other actions necessary to conduct the election.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 23RD DAY OF AUGUST, 1999.

Voting Yes, Councilmembers:	Gosiak, Wasser, Davis, Davison
Voting No, Councilmembers:	None
Absent, Councilmembers:	Broehl
Abstaining, Councilmembers:	None

AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS 23RD DAY OF AUGUST, 1999.


Robb Van Cleave, Mayor

Attest:


Julie Krueger, CMC/AEE, City Clerk

Exhibit "A"

Section 28 of the City Charter shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 28. Compensation. The council shall prescribe the compensation of City personnel. The Council may prescribe a plan for reimbursing City personnel and councilors or the mayor for expenses that they incur in serving the City. The City Council may provide that compensation be paid to the mayor and City Council members. The amount of any compensation to be paid to the mayor and City Council members shall be established by an ordinance adopted by the City Council.