Measure Argument for County Voters' Pamphlet Instructions

Voters' Pamphlet Measure Argument Filing Options:

1. **Fees –** based on size of jurisdiction in county as of January 1 of election year.
   - **$100 –** Jurisdiction with **less than 1,000 eligible voters** in County.
   - $200 – Jurisdiction with 1,000-4,999 eligible voters in County.
   - $250 – Jurisdiction with 5,000- 9,999 eligible voters in County.
   - $350 - Jurisdiction with 10,000 - 24,999 eligible voters in County.
   - **$400 –** Jurisdiction with **25,000 - or more eligible voters** in County.

- OR -

2. **Petition** – A petition may be filed in lieu of paying the filing fee. Please contact your County Elections official for details on beginning the process of filing a Prospective Petition. The petition shall contain 1,000 signatures or the signatures of at least four percent of the electors in the county eligible to vote on the measure to which the argument refers, whichever is less. For the petition method to be valid the approved and completed petition must be verified and certified by the County Elections office prior to the filing deadline.

General Instructions

1. The typewritten and signed 'Measure Argument for County Voters' Pamphlet' along with the appropriate filing fee (or certified petition) must be filed with the County Elections office no later than 5 pm on the filing deadline. Postmarks do not count. No measure argument will be listed in the County Voters' Pamphlet unless these fees and the 'Measure Argument for County Voters' Pamphlet' are filed. **Any filings received or are unsigned after 5 pm on the deadline will be rejected.**
2. Each county produces its' own individual County Voters' Pamphlet. If the Measures jurisdiction or district is located in more than one county a separate 'Measure Argument for County Voters' Pamphlet' must be filed and the fee paid to each county where the argument is to be printed.
3. **The combined count must not exceed 325 words/numbers. If the argument exceeds 325 words/numbers it will be edited by the County Elections office.**
4. An 'Amended Statement' may be submitted until 5 pm on the filing deadline. If an argument is amended a new completed 'Measure Argument for County Voters' Pamphlet' form must be submitted signed and the "Amended" box must be marked. This 'Amended Statement' and form can be faxed or a scanned copy e-mailed to the county elections office, but it must be received by 5 pm on the filing deadline. No additional fee is required.

Measure Argument for County Voters' Pamphlet

1. Submit signed 'Measure Argument for County Voters' Pamphlet' with the 'Argument Statement' complete on the filing form or attach a standard 8 ½" x 11" white paper containing the 'Argument Statement' to the signed form. 'Argument Statement' is to be submitted typewritten.
2. **In addition** to filing the signed original of the 'Measure Argument for County Voters' Pamphlet', **it is recommended that the 'Measure Argument' filer e-mail the electronic text of the 'Measure Argument' to the County Elections office. The electronic text must mirror the submitted print version exactly.**
3. The person(s) furnishing the information must sign the statement.
4. The statement must consist of words/numbers only; charts or graphics may not be used (other than bullet points).
5. The total word count **must not exceed 325 words/numbers** and the entire argument shall not exceed 30 square inches of Voters' Pamphlet space. **Please hand-count your statement to ensure that your word count does not exceed the 325 maximum word/number count.**

6. Generally, anything with a white space around it counts as a word. If the word is hyphenated and the word is listed in a dictionary as one word that can be used either with or without a hyphen, it will count as one word. All other hyphenated words will count as more than one word.
7. Standard formatting attributes, such as boldface, all caps, centering, underlining, bulleted and numbered lists may be used. Italics can only be used when citing the source of published material. Any other italic used will be changed to plain text. Bullets do not count towards the word count.
8. The County Elections office will not correct errors in spelling, punctuation, grammar or syntax. No corrections to these errors will be allowed after the filing deadline. **Please proof your submission before filing.**
9. If the material in the statement violates the provisions of ORS 251.415, the material in violation will be rejected. If possible, the County Elections office will notify the person(s) furnishing the information of the rejection.

Endorsement Statement - Authorization for use of name or organization as part of the 'Measure Argument for County Voters' Pamphlet'.

1. If the name of a person and/or title or organization is used as part of the 'Measure Argument in the Voters' Pamphlet', a signed 'Endorsement Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet' form **must be filed no later than 5 pm on the filing deadline.** Please see the 'Endorsement Statement' form for more information.
2. Any name (other than the person(s)/organization who furnished the information) listed on the 'Measure Argument' filing form without a submitted signed 'Endorsement Statement' or one not filed by 5 pm on the filing deadline will be removed per ORS 251.405.

Quotes from previously published sources

1. Quotes from published sources may be used. The quotation must have been disseminated to the public prior to its inclusion and the source and publication date must be provided. If this quote, from a previously published source is used, no endorsement form is necessary. The quote, source and date will all count towards the 325 maximum word count.
2. Quotes from websites can be used, but must include the date and website address as part of the argument. It is recommended that a printed copy from the website be maintained for your records from the date you are referencing in your argument statement.
3. Italics should only be used when citing the source of a quote from a published source. Example of quotes: "*The Oregonian*, 06/21/2011" or from Mayor Smith's website, *www.mayor-smith.com* 06/21/2011 or "In the latest edition of the *NW Times*, the paper said this about me '… that Joe Smith is the best person for the job.'" *NW Times*, 02/04/2014.

Contact Information

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Measure Argument for County Voters' Pamphlet

Important! Please read all instructions before completing this form. This form is to be used when filing a 'Measure Argument for County Voters' Pamphlet' with your County Elections office. Please note that each county produces a separate County Voters' Pamphlet. If the jurisdiction or district is located in more than one county a separate 'Measure Argument for Voters' Pamphlet' form must be filed and the fee paid to each county where the argument is to be printed.

Filing Information

Election: ☐ Primary 20_____ ☐ General 20_____ ☐ Special_____

Measure #_____-_____ ☐ Original Statement ☐ Amended Statement

☐ Argument in Favor ☐ Argument in Opposition

"This information furnished by" (as it should appear in the Voters' Pamphlet):

Argument paid for by:

_____ E-Mail:_____

Name of person or organization paying for argument

Phone: Cell: Work: Home:

Contact information for authorized changes:

_____ E-Mail:_____

Name of person authorized to make changes to Argument

Phone: Cell: Work: Home:

Filer checklist for Measure Argument for County Voters' Pamphlet (VP).

☐ Typewritten & signed Measure Argument form and Argument for County VP.

☐ Fee or certified petition provided.

☐ (If applicable) Endorsement Statement #:_____.

☐ Word Count (325 MAX).

By signing this document, I (we) hereby state I (we) am (are) responsible for the content of this argument. ORS 251.415

Printed name of person furnishing argument	**Signature of person furnishing argument**	**Date**
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Organization name person(s) is(are) authorized to represent, if applicable:_____

Note: If this argument is not being filed by a registered Oregon Political Committee, you may be required to register as a political committee with the Secretary of State. Refer to the Campaign Finance Manual for further details.

For Office Use only:

○ County:_____

○ Cash-receipt #:_____

○ Check #:_____

Amount $_____

Required Info? ○ Yes ○ No

Signed? ○ Yes ○ No

Endorsements? ○ Yes #_____ ○ No

Intake Staff Initials:

Word Count (325 max):

Digital copy? ○ Yes ○ No

Review Staff Initials:

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Measure #___-____

Maximum 325 words/numbers.

Measure Argument Signature Sheet Petition

Petition I.D. #_____

ORS 251.355 ORS 249.008

It is unlawful to sign a petition, on the same measure, more than one time. This is a County Measure Argument Petition. Signers of this page must be active registered voters in County.

Ballot Measure #: ___-_____ Measure Argument: ☐ In **FAVOR** ☐ In **OPPOSITION**

Ballot Title Caption:_____

Printed name of person filing 'Measure Argument' (as it should appear in Voters' Pamphlet)_____

Name of organization person is authorized to represent (as it should appear in Voters' Pamphlet), if applicable:_____

TO _____ COUNTY MANAGER OF ELECTIONS, **We the undersigned voters, request the attached 'Measure Argument' be printed in** _____ **the County Voters' Pamphlet. I have read and agree with this 'Measure Argument'. I have not previously signed a petition sheet for this ballot 'Measure Argument'.**

	SIGNATURE*	**DATE SIGNED*** (mm/dd/yy)	**PRINT NAME***	**RESIDENCE ADDRESS*** (street, city, zip code)
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
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9.				
10.				

*Signature must only be completed by the signer. Circulators may not complete, change or obscure the signer's signature, date signed, printed name or address information, unless the signer initials the change. An exception is allowed for a circulator to complete or change information (other than the signature) if requested to do so by a disabled signer.

Circulator Certification - This certification **must** be signed by the circulator!

I hereby certify I witnessed the signing of this signature sheet by each individual whose signature appears on the signature sheet, and I believe each individual is an elector qualified to sign the petition. **Warning!** Supplying false information on this form may result in conviction of a felony with a fine of up to $125,000 and/or prison for up to 5 years. (ORS 260.715)

Circulator Signature:_____ Print circulator name:_____

Date Signed (mm/dd/yy):_____ Circulator's address (street, city, zip code):_____

County Elections Official Certification

I hereby certify _____ signatures on this petition are those of active registered voters in _____ County, Oregon.

Signature of County Elections Official:_____ Date Signed:_____

Measure Argument Signature Sheet Petition For County Voters' Pamphlet Sheet Instructions

Preliminary information

1. Obtain the "Ballot Measure Number" and the "Ballot Title Caption" of the measure which is the subject, of the 'Measure Argument', that relates to the petition and enter it type written or legibly printed onto the 'Measure Argument Signature Sheet Petition' form.
2. Make sure to indicate whether the 'Measure Argument' is "In Favor" or is "In Opposition" to the filed measure.
3. Type or legibly print the name of the person and the name of the organization the person is authorized to represent, if applicable, filing the 'Measure Argument', where indicated on the 'Measure Argument Signature Sheet Petition' form. This information should appear **exactly** as how it should be printed in the Voters' Pamphlet for furnishing the 'Measure Argument'.

Before circulating the petition for signatures, file with Elections Division

1. File a copy of the prospective 'Measure Argument Signature Sheet Petition' form completed with the preliminary information above and a **type written** copy of the proposed 'Measure Argument'.

After receiving approval to circulate from the Elections Division

1. Fill in the Petition I.D. #, in the field located in the upper right hand corner of the 'Measure Argument Signature Sheet Petition' form, with the number provided by the Elections Division.
2. Staple a copy of the proposed 'Measure Argument' to a 'Signature Sheet Petition'. No more than five signature sheets may be stapled to any one copy of the proposed 'Measure Argument'.

Obtaining required signatures of qualified voters

1. A 'Measure Argument Signature Sheet Petition' shall contain the signatures of at least four percent of the electors in the county eligible to vote on the measure to which the 'Measure Argument' refers **OR** the signatures of 1,000 electors in the county eligible to vote on the measure to which the 'Measure Argument' refers, whichever is less.
2. The number of registered electors in an electoral district, for the purposes of this section, shall be calculated on January 1 of each year.
3. After obtaining the required quantity of signatures, sequentially number the 'Signature Sheet Petition' starting with "1".
4. Have the signatures verified by the County Elections Division to determine signature qualifications. **NOTE:** Be sure to provide sufficient leeway to provide for time constraints and filing deadline criteria.
5. File a **qualified** 'Measure Argument Signature Sheet Petition' with an accompanying 'Measure Argument for County Voters' Pamphlet' in the County Elections office no later than 5:00 p.m. on the filing deadline day.

Guidelines for circulation of petition

Petition Circulator:

1. Must ensure all active registered voters who sign a single signature sheet are residents of the County.
2. Must personally sign their legal signature on the petition's Circulator Certification.
3. Must provide the date when the certification was signed and must not collect any other signatures on that sheet.

Person Who Signs Petition:

1. Must be an active registered voter in County at the time of signing the petition.
2. Must have only signed one petition, on the same measure; it is unlawful to sign the same measure petition more than one time.

If you have any questions contact the County Elections Office.

Endorsement Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet

Important! Please read all instructions before completing this form. This form is to be used if a **name of a person or organization is used** in either a 'Measure Argument' or 'Candidate Statement' that is being submitted for inclusion in a County Voters' Pamphlet.

Filing Information

Election: ☐ Primary 20_____ ☐ General 20_____ ☐ Special_____

Endorsement Statement For Either:

☐ **Candidate Statement**: _____
Name of Candidate

☐ **Measure Argument**: #_____ - _____
Measure Number

Endorsement

I,_____, consent to the use of my name and title, if used, or the name of an organization I am authorized to represent **exactly as is appears in the 'Endorsement Voter's Pamphlet Box' below.**
(printed name)

Endorsement Voter's Pamphlet Box

In this box, type or legibly print the persons name and title, if used, and/or organization name person is authorized to represent, EXACTLY as it is to appear in the Voters' Pamphlet 'Candidate Statement' or 'Measure Argument'. An organization's name should only be used if the organization is endorsing the 'Candidate's Statement' or 'Measure Argument'. (See examples on reverse side)

Warning! Submitting a false signature on this statement is a violation of ORS 251.405.

_____ _____
Signature of consenting individual or representative Date signed

For office use only

Endorsement Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet Instructions

General Instructions

An original, faxed, e-mail attachment or copy of an 'Endorsement Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet' should be filed with the 'Candidate Statement' or 'Measure Argument' it relates to and must be filed no later than the 5 pm Voters' Pamphlet filing deadline. If the name of a person or organization is used in a 'Candidate Statement' or 'Measure Argument' as supporting or endorsing the 'Candidate Statement' or 'Measure Argument', **you must either**:

1. **File an 'Endorsement Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet' form.**

File an 'Endorsement Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet' form signed by the person, or by an authorized person on behalf of an organization, stating that the person consents to the use of their name and title, if used, of the person and/or organization as provided in the 'Endorsement Voters' Pamphlet Box'. An organization's name should only be used if the organization is endorsing the 'Candidate Statement' or 'Measure Argument'.

Example 1 Endorsement -

'Measure Argument' language:
"The following sheriff supports Measure 2-99: Bill Smith, Cooper County."
'Endorsement Voters' Pamphlet Box' should contain the following: **Bill Smith, Cooper County Sheriff**.

Example 2 Endorsement -

'Candidate Statement' language:
"The Cooper City Council unanimously endorses this candidate for Sheriff."
'Endorsement Voters' Pamphlet Box' should contain the following: **Cooper City Council** (Note: All Councilors on this Council must each sign a separate 'Endorsement Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet' form.)

- OR -

2. **Use a quote with source in a 'Candidate Statement' or 'Measure Argument'.** (If a previously disseminated quote is used, no 'Endorsement Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet' form is necessary.)
Use the name and title, if used, of the person or the name of the organization with the quotation that was made by the person or authorized person on behalf of an organization. The quotation must have been disseminated to the public prior to its' inclusion in the 'Candidate Statement' or 'Measure Argument' and the quotation must be identified in the 'Candidate Statement' or 'Measure Argument' by its source and date of dissemination/publication.

Examples 1 - for identifying the source of a quote are:

Author Name (if applicable), *Newspaper Name*, Date of Publication;
Author Name (if applicable), *Magazine Name*, Date of Publication;
Author Name, *Book Title*, Date of Publication;
Author Name (if applicable), website (www.???), Date of posting.

Example 2 - of quotes:

"In the latest edition of the *NW Times*, the editorial board in the paper said this about me "... that Joe Smith is the best person for the job." *NW Times*, 11/24/2013."
"This was a very important issue that was not covered before." Jane Smith, *The Book of Politics*, 10/15/2010.

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