

**Article 1.01
Charter.**

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THE LAKE OSWEGO CHARTER OF 1964

(Approved by voters on May 15, 1964; Amended by the voters on June 24, 1966; March 24, 1970; November 27, 1972; July 10, 1973; December 11, 1973; May 28, 1974; November 5, 1974; November 2, 1976; November 7, 1978; May 20, 1980; November 4, 1980; May 19, 1987; March 24, 1992; November 5, 1996; November 3, 1998; November 8, 2016; and November 2, 2021.)

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CHAPTER II. POWERS**Section 4. Powers of the City.**

The City has all powers which the constitution, statutes, and common law of the United States or of this state expressly or impliedly grant or allow municipalities as fully as though this Charter specifically enumerated each of those powers.

Section 5. Construction of Charter.

In this Charter the enumeration of or reference to particular rights powers, privileges and immunities is not exclusive. The Charter shall be liberally construed to the end that the City has all powers necessary or convenient for the conduct of its municipal affairs, including all powers that cities may assume under state laws and the municipal home rule provisions of the state constitution.

Section 5.1. Format of the Charter.

A. The City Recorder is empowered to make format changes and corrections to the Charter, provided that such changes shall not alter the sense, meaning, effect or substance of any provision. Such changes and corrections may include the following:

1. Designating or re-designing by number or letter sections or parts of sections;
2. Changes in the wording of headnotes;
3. Rearrangement of sections;
4. Conformance of textual references to agree with re-numbered or otherwise re-designated chapters, sections or statutes;
5. Substitution of the proper subsection, section, chapter, or other division number or letters;
6. Omission of figures or words which are merely repetitious;
7. Changes of capitalization and punctuation for purposes of uniformity; and
8. Correction of manifest clerical or typographical errors.

B. No change to the format of the Charter shall become effective until reviewed and approved by the City Attorney for compliance with subsection A of this section.

(Amended November 5, 1996).

CHAPTER III. FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Section 6. Where Powers Vested.

Except as this Charter provides otherwise, all powers of the City are vested in the Council.

Section 7. Council.

The Council is composed of a Mayor and six Councilors, all elected from the City at large.

Section 8. Councilors.

At each general election, three Councilors shall be elected, each for a term of four years. The three shall be elected without respect to position or area and the three candidates who receive the three greatest number of votes cast for such candidates are elected to the Council. If one or more vacancies on the Council, other than Mayor, are being filled at a general election, pursuant to Section 31 of this Charter, the vacant office or offices shall be filled by the person or persons receiving the next greatest number of votes. The term of office of each Councilor serving on July 1, 1980, continues for the full term to which the Councilor was elected or appointed.

No Councilor, including those serving on July 1, 1980, may be elected to a City office, or any combination of such offices, for a period to exceed eight (8) consecutive years.

(Amended November 2, 1976; May 20, 1980.)

Section 9. Qualifications of Council.

No person may fill an elective office of the City unless when elected or appointed to the office the person is a qualified elector of the state and has resided continuously in the City during the twelve months immediately preceding the election or appointment. A person, after taking office, must remain a resident of the City in order to continue to hold the office. For the purposes of this section, "City" means area in the City boundaries on the date of the election, except area withdrawn from the boundaries after the date of election. The Council is the final judge of the qualifications and election of its own members.

Section 10. Councilor Resignation Required to Run for Mayor.

Any Councilor, including those serving on July 1, 1980, who seeks election to the office of Mayor during the first two years of his or her term shall, upon filing of acceptance of nomination for the office, file an irrevocable resignation from the office of Councilor held, which is to carry an effective date of no later than the first of the next January. No person may simultaneously run for the offices of both Mayor and Councilor.

(Amended May 20, 1980.)

Section 11. Mayor.

Beginning in 1980, at every other general election held, a Mayor shall be elected for a term of four (4) years. No Mayor, including the one serving on July 1, 1980, shall be elected to any elective City office, or any combination of such offices, for a period to exceed eight (8) consecutive years.

(Amended May 20, 1980.)

Section 12. Appointed City Officers.

The appointed City officers are the City Manager, City Attorney and Municipal Judge, each of whom serve at the pleasure of the Council and are appointed and removed by a majority vote of the entire