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## Home Rule Charter timeline

January 28, 1857: Corvallis is incorporated as a town and chartered by the Territorial Legislature.

1902: Section 1 of Article IV of the constitution of Oregon is amended to reserve to the people the power the initiative and referendum.

1906: Section 1 of Article IV is amended again to reserve the power of initiative and referendum to the people of every municipality as to all local, special, and municipal legislation, of every character, in or for their respective

1906 (same election): Section 2 of Article XI is amended to say the legislative assembly shall not enact, amend, or repeal any charter or act of incorporation for any municipality, city, or town. The legal voters of every city and town are hereby granted power to enact and amend their municipal charter, subject to the constitution and criminal laws of the State of Oregon.

1907: Corvallis Charter first amended to include initiative and referendum.

1908: initiative and referendum provisions in Corvallis charter are repealed, then readopted in the same month.

1909: voters approve amended Charter repealing and replacing all prior Charters. Includes home rule powers and initiative and referendum.

Terms set for mayor, at large council members, treasurer, police chief and municipal judge at 2 years, with water commissioners and council members elected by ward at 4 years.

1918: voters approve amended charter aligning terms with general elections of the state.

1948: voters approve amended charter repealing and replacing all prior Charters. Mayor has 2- year term, City has three wards, three council members per ward, all with six- year terms. *Est. City Manager and municipal judge*

1954: voters approve measure amending charter for mayor to have 4-year term.

1971: voters approve measure amending charter to have 9 wards, council members all with 2-year terms.

1976: voters approve measures amending charter to require vote of the people to approve annexations, special elections to fill vacancies (previously appointed by council), and de novo appeal of any city decision to City Council.

1991: voters approve measure to require vote of people to approve collection or use of tax increment funds in any urban renewal plan.

1995: voters approve restated charter renumbering sections, adding some feminine pronouns ("s/he"; "his or her").

2006: voters approve measure to add "responsibility to all people" requirement to charter.

2017: voters approve measure to require vote of people in order to sell, transfer or change the use of parks and natural areas.