

CITY OF NEWPORT  
RESOLUTION NO. 3734

A Resolution Calling for an Election  
to Refer to the Voters of the City of Newport, Oregon,  
a Measure that Would Resume Fluoridation of the City Water Supply

Finding

On February 1, 2016, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2088 directing the resumption of fluoridation of the city water supply, and referring Ordinance No. 2088 to the electors of the City of Newport at the election of May 17, 2016.

Based upon this finding:

THE CITY OF NEWPORT RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. An election is called in and for the City of Newport for the purpose of submitting to the legal voters of the city the ballot title, Attachment A, with the following question:

Shall the City of Newport resume fluoridation of the city water supply?

Section 2. The explanatory statement for this ballot measure is included as Attachment B.

Section 3. Tuesday, May 17, 2016, is designated as the date for holding the election on the question stated in Section 1 above.

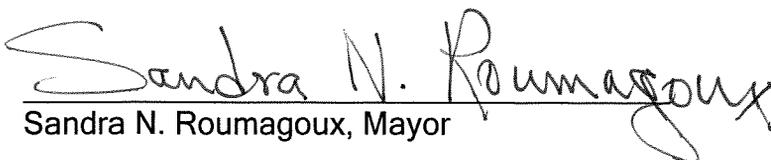
Section 4. The election will be conducted by the Lincoln County Clerk's Office.

Section 5. The precincts for the election shall include all territory within the corporate limits of the City of Newport and no other territory.

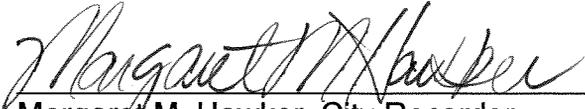
Section 6. If the ballot measure is approved by the voters of the City of Newport, the Newport Municipal Code shall be amended as provided in Attachment C.

Adopted by the Newport City Council on February 1, 2016.

CITY OF NEWPORT

  
Sandra N. Roumagoux, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Margaret M. Hawker, City Recorder

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Steven E. Rich, City Attorney

ATTACHMENT A  
TO  
CITY OF NEWPORT RESOLUTION NO. 3734

BALLOT TITLE

CAPTION

Resumption of Fluoridation of City of Newport Water Supply

QUESTION

Shall the City of Newport resume fluoridation of the city water supply?

SUMMARY

The City of Newport supplies water to city residents and businesses. In the past, the City of Newport fluoridated the city water supply. Currently, the city water supply is not being fluoridated.

This measure requires the City of Newport to resume fluoridation of the city water supply. The measure requires fluoridation at state and federal recommended levels. The measure is a referral of Ordinance No. 2088, adopted by the City Council on February 1, 2016. The date for resumption of fluoridation of the city water supply will be established by resolution of the City Council. Fluoridation products used in the city water supply must meet NSF International standards. The measure requires recordkeeping and testing of the city water supply in accordance with state and federal standards. The measure also requires the city to conduct tests for fluoridation levels in the city water supply in accordance with state and federal requirements. Preliminary cost estimates are approximately \$300,000 for implementation. Initial estimates for operations are \$18,000 annually. Costs are paid through water rates in the city budget.

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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

On June 25, 1962, the City of Newport adopted Resolution No. 1165-A which authorized and directed the fluoridation of the city water supply.

Resolution No. 1165-A was adopted following a vote on November 8, 1960, by the electors on a ballot measure containing the following question: "Shall the Common Council of the City of Newport add fluorine to the public water supply, under the supervision of the Oregon State Board of Health?" The measure passed.

After the election of November 8, 1960, a citizen's measure was placed on the ballot for May 18, 1962, with the following question: "Shall the Charter of the City of Newport be amended to prohibit fluoridation of the city's public water supply by adding fluorine or fluoride compound thereto?" The measure failed.

During the week of August 26 - 31, 2005, fluoridation was suspended due to the overflow of the recycle pond into Big Creek. Thereafter, because of physical limitations of the chemical room, staff suspended fluoridation of the city water supply until such time as appropriate changes could be made to the chemical room. When the new water treatment plant was designed, and budgetary constraints were encountered, the fluoridation equipment was eliminated without any specific action being taken by Council.

In January 2015, members of the Lincoln County Public Health Advisory Committee met with members of the city staff regarding resumption of fluoridation of the city water supply.

Following the initiation of these discussions, the City Council held a series of public meetings and public hearings on the topic of fluoridation of the city water supply. The City Council determined that it is in the best interests of the city and its residents to refer to the electors the question of whether an ordinance directing the resumption of fluoridation of the city water supply should be approved.

Preliminary cost estimates to resume fluoridation of the city water supply are approximately \$300,000 for implementation. Initial estimates for operations are \$18,000 annually. Costs are paid through water rates in the city budget.

Ordinance No. 2088 will become effective, if passed by the vote of the electors, upon certification of the election by the Lincoln County Clerk.

The full text of the ordinance can be obtained at City Hall or at [www.newportoregon.gov](http://www.newportoregon.gov).

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If the ballot measure is approved by the voters of the City of Newport, the Newport Municipal Code shall be amended as follows:

**5.10.015 Fluoridation of City Water Supply**

- A. City staff shall keep an accurate record of the type and amount of fluoridation introduced into the city water supply, and the quantities of water treated. City staff shall conduct and keep records of tests of the fluoridation in the city water supply in accordance with state and federal standards. City staff shall document and monitor the costs for implementing fluoridation of the city water supply.
- B. Funds necessary for fluoridation of the city water supply shall be paid as provided in the city budget and consistent with local budget law.
- C. Fluoridation statistics shall be included in the annual Water Quality Report in accordance with state and federal requirements.
- D. Implementation Provisions.
  - 1. Date. The City Council shall establish, by resolution, a date to resume fluoridation of the city water supply.
  - 2. Design. City staff is directed and authorized to design and implement a fluoridation program of the city water supply to the recommended levels to reduce tooth decay and promote good oral health as recommended by state and federal authorities. Any fluoridation products used for this purpose shall be certified by NSF International (formerly known as the National Sanitation Foundation).
  - 3. Report. City staff shall prepare a report and recommendation to the City Council prior to the resumption of fluoridation of the city water supply. The report and recommendation shall include a general outline of a fluoridation program; a preliminary estimate of the financial resources required to design and implement the fluoridation program; and a recommended date to resume fluoridation of the city water supply.