

Notice of Measure Election

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, an election will be held in Baker County, Oregon.

This will be a vote-by-mail election. The following shall be the ballot title for the measure submitted to the electors thereof:

Caption: Changes County Government structure and process for selecting County Chair

Question: Shall County government move to County Administrator form of government?

For full ballot title text, please visit www.bakercountyor.gov or come into the Baker County Clerk's Office, 1995 3rd Street, Ste. 150, Baker City.

Any elector dissatisfied with this ballot title may file a petition for review of the ballot title in the Baker County Circuit Court no later than 5:00pm on February 23, 2026.

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Request for Ballot Title

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Preparation or Publication of Notice

No later than the 81st day before an election, a governing body that has referred a measure must prepare and file with the local elections official the text of the referral for ballot title preparation or the ballot title for publication of notice of receipt of ballot title. This form may be used to file the text of the referral and request the elections official begin the ballot title drafting process or file a ballot title and request the elections official publish notice of receipt of ballot title.

Filing Information	
Election Date May 19, 2026	Governing Body Referring Measure Baker County Board of Commissioners
Referral Information	
Title, Number, or other Identifier Changes County Government structure and process for selecting County Chair	
This Filing is For	
<input type="checkbox"/> Drafting of Ballot Title (Attach referral text.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Publication of Notice (Ballot title below.)
Ballot Title (Additional requirements may apply)	
Caption 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure. Changes County Government structure and process for selecting County Chair	
Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure. Shall County government move to County Administrator form of government?	
Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect. Amends Order No. 97-229: This ballot measure is referred to the voters by Baker County Board of Commissioners. Approval of this measure changes Baker County's government structure to a county administrator form of government. Currently, the Board consists of two part-time commissioners (positions 1 and 2) and one full-time commissioner (position 3) who serves as Board Chair and County Administrator. If approved, this measure: would create a county administrator position, appointed by and serving under the direction of the Board of Commissioners; require the Board Chair to be selected annually by a vote of the Board of Commissioners; and make all commissioner positions equal in time commitment, duties and compensation. Positions 1, 2, and 3 will continue to be elected by county-wide primary elections, with runoff elections if required by law. A Yes vote approves the restructuring of county government to a county administrator form and changes the method of selecting the Board Chair, effective January 1, 2027. A No vote retains the current structure.	
Authorized Official Not required to be notarized.	
Name Shane Alderson	Title Chairperson of Baker County Board
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By signing this document: → I hereby state that I am authorized by the county, city, or district governing body to submit this Request for Ballot Title – Preparation or Publication of Notice.	

Shane Alderson

2/4/2026

Signature

Date Signed