BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR LAKE COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Designating the Office of Lake County Commissioner as Nonpartisan; Referred for the November 2013 General Election

ORDINANCE
NO. 101

The People of Lake County, Oregon, ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY. This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to ORS 203.035.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Ordinance is to designate the office of Lake County Commissioner as nonpartisan within the meaning of ORS Chapter 249 and other Oregon election laws.

SECTION 3. FINDINGS.

A. This matter came before the Board of County Commissioners for Lake County on [Date], concerning referring to the electors of Lake County the question of designating the Office of Lake County Commissioner as nonpartisan.

B. The Board finds that pursuant to ORS 249.002(7) "nonpartisan office" is defined to include the office of County Clerk, County Assessor, County Treasurer, County Sheriff, and County District Attorney, but excludes the office of County Commissioner.

C. The Board finds that the electors of Lake County should have the opportunity to decide whether the office of Lake County Commissioner should be nonpartisan.

D. The Board finds that ORS 203.035(1) grants broad authority to counties to enact ordinances that exercise authority within the county over matters of county concern, to the fullest extent allowed by Constitutions and laws of the United States and of the State of Oregon.

E. The Board finds that it is reasonable and appropriate to ask the voters whether the office of Lake County Commissioner should be nonpartisan.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY. If for any reason any court of competent jurisdiction holds any portion of this ordinance invalid such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent portion, and any such holdings shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.
SECTION 5. ADOPTION REFERRAL CLAUSE.

A. The office of Lake County Commissioner is hereby designated to be nonpartisan subject to the approval of and ratification by the electors voting at the general election to be held on November 5, 2013. Pursuant to ORS 203.035(3), this Ordinance shall be referred to the electors as a County Measure in the general election on November 5, 2013. This Ordinance shall become effective only upon approval of a majority of those electors voting on the proposed Ordinance. If approved, the Ordinance shall take effect on the 90th day after the date of the election and shall first apply to filings for election to the office of Lake County Commissioner for the primary election of 2014.

B. The ballot title attached hereto, labeled Exhibit "A", and incorporated herein by this reference, is hereby approved.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance will take effect on the 90th day after the date of the election.

DATED this 5th day of June, 2013.

Approved as to form by:

[Signature]
Jim Bailey, County Counsel

Attest:

[Signature]
Recording Secretary

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LAKE COUNTY, OREGON

[Signature]
Ken Kestner, Chair

Brad Winters, Commissioner

Dan Shoun, Commissioner

First Reading: May 15, 2013
Second Reading: June 4, 2013
Effective Date: June 5, 2013