



**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**BALLOT TITLE  
REFERRAL AMENDING CITY CHARTER TO ESTABLISH  
FRIENDSHIP PARK**

The following "Ballot Title", prepared by the City Attorney of the City of Madras, was filed with the City Elections Official on February 10, 2010.

**Question:** Shall City Charter be Amended to Establish Friendship Park as a Permanent City Park?

**Summary:** The question is whether the City of Madras Charter should be amended to establish Friendship Park as a permanent City park for recreation and be dedicated to Jefferson County veterans. The Charter amendment would also provide that should the City Council develop Friendship Park prior to Charter amendment, the City would remove any improvements that were not consistent with recreational uses. The amendment would also provide that if the City should sell, lease or otherwise encumber the title to Friendship Park, that eminent domain proceedings would be initiated to ensure the City regains ownership of Friendship Park.

The effect of this amendment would be to prohibit the City from placing a new Police Station-City Hall or any other non-park development on the Friendship Park site.

Any elector of the City of Madras who is dissatisfied with the ballot title may petition the Circuit Court to review the ballot title issued by the City Attorney. The deadline to file a petition to review the ballot title is no later than the 7<sup>th</sup> business day after the ballot title is filed with the City Elections Official; therefore the deadline would be 5:00 p.m. on February 19, 2010.

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