

# Notice of Measure Election

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City

## Notice

Date of Notice

March 11, 2014

Name of City or Cities

Sherwood

Date of Election

May 20, 2014

The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the city's voters.

**Final Ballot Title** Notice of receipt of ballot title has been published and the ballot title challenge process has been completed.

**Caption** 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure

CHARTER REVISIONS - TERM LIMITS

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**Question** 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure

Shall the Charter be amended to clarify term limits provisions and prohibit councilors from serving more than three consecutive terms?

**Summary** 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect

This measure would:

Amend the current city charter Chapter 7, Section 24-Councilors by removing unnecessary language and adding the provision of, "No councilor shall serve on the council more than three consecutive terms, including any partial term as a councilor.

Amend Section 25-Mayor, by removing incorrect language of, "at every other" general election and removing transition language no longer necessary. The mayor's term shall remain, with no limits specified, as at present.

Amend Section 29-Terms, by adding the following to the beginning of the section: "Notwithstanding any applicable term limits imposed by this charter,"

The Oregon Constitution gives city voters the right to adopt, amend and revise a charter. The charter grants legal authority to the city and sets duties. Sherwood voters adopted the current charter in May 2005.

The proposed revision establishes councilor term limits to three consecutive terms, cleans up language pertaining to the mayor, retains mayoral term as is, and adds clarification language to terms for elected officials.

**Explanatory Statement** 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect, if required attach to this form

If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be submitted for any measure referred by the city governing body and if required by local ordinance, for any initiative or referendum.

Measure Type	County producing voters' pamphlet		Local ordinance requiring submission		Explanatory statement required	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referral	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Not applicable		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Initiative	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Referendum	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

**Authorized City Official** Not required to be notarized

→ By signing this document, I hereby state that I am authorized by the city to submit this Notice of Measure Election and I certify that notice of receipt of ballot title has been published and the ballot title challenge process for this measure completed.

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3-11-2014  
Date Signed

CITY OF SHERWOOD  
MEASURE TO AMEND CITY CHARTER

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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT – Term Limits

The Oregon Constitution gives city voters the right to adopt, amend and revise the City Charter. Sherwood voters adopted the current City Charter in 2005. It has not been amended or revised since then. The proposed Charter amendments are being brought before city voters on the May 20, 2014 Ballot.

This measure would amend Chapter 7, Sections 24-Councilors and 25-Mayor by removing unnecessary language pertaining to positions, setting term limits for councilors and removing unnecessary transitional language. It would also amend Section 29-Terms as noted below.

The current language in Section 24 states: “At each general election after the adoption, three councilors will be elected for four-year terms by position. The terms of councilors in office when this charter is adopted are the terms for which they are elected.”

The measure would amend Section 24 to read in its entirety: “At each general election three councilors will be elected for four-year terms. No councilor shall serve on the council more than three consecutive terms, including any partial term as a councilor” The term limits imposed by this charter amendment would apply to the terms of councilors now in office.

This measure would amend Section 25-Mayor. The current language states: “At every other general election after the adoption, a mayor will be elected for a two-year term. The mayor in office when this charter is adopted is the term for which the mayor was elected”.

The measure would amend Section 25 to read in its entirety: “At every general election a mayor will be elected for a two-year term”.

This measure would amend Section 29-Terms, to read as follows: “Notwithstanding any applicable term limits imposed by this charter, the term of any officer elected at a general election begins at the first council meeting of the year immediately after the election, and continues until the successor qualifies and assumes the office.

The City Council formed a Charter Review Committee in 2013 comprised of Sherwood residents to review and proposed amendments to the City Charter. The Committee met several times in open public meetings and accepted public feedback, held an open house and a public hearing on the proposed amendments. The Committee and City Council met to review the amendments, and the City Council held a public hearing to received citizen input.

If approved by the voters, the revisions will take effect upon the City Council adoption of the May 20, 2014 election results.