

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF BALLOT TITLE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Sherwood Municipal Code 2.04.041, the following ballot title for a proposed referral measure was filed with the Sherwood City Recorder/Elections Official on October 29, 2025.

BALLOT TITLE FOR REFERRAL TO AMEND THE SHERWOOD CITY CHARTER WITH REGARD TO ESTABLISHING AND PROTECTING HOME RULE AUTHORITY IN ANNEXATION DECISIONS

Caption: Amends Charter: Establishes City Authority Over Annexation Decisions

Question: Shall the Sherwood Charter be amended granting Sherwood exclusive authority over annexation decisions, independent of state laws modifying such authority?

Summary: A Yes vote will amend the City Charter to make two changes to Section 3.-Boundaries relating to annexation. First, this amendment would add clarifying language that voter approved annexation is required in all cases, except with respect to health hazard abatement. Second, this amendment declares that the procedures governing review of annexation requests i.e. hearings, notices, annexation agreements are foundational components of open and democratic governance within the City. This amendment grants the City exclusive authority to review, approve, or deny annexation requests subject to procedures and standards adopted by the Sherwood City Council through ordinance. These procedures cannot be preempted by state laws that alter or constrain the City's annexation authority. The amendment ensures local control over annexation decisions and confirms home rule authority. No direct fiscal impact has been identified.

Balloting: This election will be by mail, conducted as determined by the Washington County Elections Officer, in accordance with voting by mail procedures described by Oregon Law, using the mail and ballot drop sites designated by the County Elections Officer. Pursuant to ORS 250.296 any voter may file a petition for review of the ballot title not later than the seventh business day after the title has been filed with the city elections officer. A challenge to the ballot title in this notice must be filed in Washington County Circuit Court not later than November 7, 2025. Filing a copy of the challenge with the City Recorder pursuant to SMC 2.04.041 may be accomplished electronically by emailing CityRecorder@sherwoodoregon.gov, or by mailing or delivering to: Sherwood City Hall, 22560 SW Pine Street, Sherwood, Oregon 97140, Attn: City Recorder.

Publication Date: October 30, 2025
Sylvia Murphy, MMC, City Elections Official

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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Notice is hereby given consistent with requirements set out in the Sherwood Municipal Code 2.04.044, that an explanatory statement prepared by the City Attorney and certified by the Sherwood City Council on October 28, 2025, via Resolution 2025-074, has been filed with the Sherwood City Recorder. The explanatory statement concerns a City measure to be voted upon at an emergency election scheduled for January 13, 2026, which measure has the caption: Amends Charter: Establishes City Authority Over Annexation Decisions

Copies of the explanatory statement are available on the City's website, www.sherwoodoregon.gov, or can be obtained by contacting the City Recorder's Office, CityRecorder@Sherwoodoregon.gov

Submitted by: Sylvia Murphy, MMC, City Recorder/Elections Official