

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 CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT IN LAND USE DECISIONS

Caption: Amends Charter: Enshrines Citizen Involvement in Land Use Decisions

Question: Shall the Sherwood Charter be amended acknowledging existing neighborhood meeting, public hearing, and notice requirements for certain land use applications?

Summary: A Yes vote will amend the City Charter committing Sherwood to citizen involvement in land use decisions, consistent with Statewide Land Use Goal 1. It directs the City Council to establish ordinances ensuring transparency and meaningful public participation throughout the land use process, including notice, hearings, and appeals. These procedures, rooted in the city's home rule authority, cannot be preempted by state laws that limit public engagement. Key requirements include: No Type III or higher land use application may be decided without at least one duly noticed neighborhood meeting and one public hearing before the City Council or delegated body. Appeals require a public hearing based on procedures set by ordinance. For Type II or higher applications, mailed notice must be sent in advance to all property owners within 1,000 feet of the subject property, using classifications and timelines set by ordinance. Additional methods, such as published or electronic notices, may also be mandated. This amendment has no direct fiscal impact identified and will not alter the City’s current land use processing procedures.

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.

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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 2025-075, 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: Enshrines Citizen Involvement in Land Use 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