

Notice of Measure Election City

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November 10, 2025

Name of City or Cities

City of Sherwood, Oregon

Date of Election

January 13, 2026

Final Ballot Title The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the city's voters. The ballot title notice was published, and the ballot title challenge process is complete.

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

Amends Charter: Enshrines Citizen Involvement in Land Use Decisions

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

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

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

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.

Explanatory Statement 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect.

If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be written and attached to this form for:

→ any measure referred by the city governing body; or

→ any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.

Explanatory Statement Attached? ☒ Yes

☐ No

Authorized City Official Not required to be notarized.

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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.


Signature

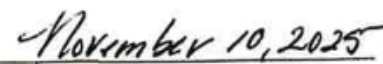

Date Signed

Exhibit 2 to Resolution 2025-075

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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This measure amends the Sherwood City Charter to strengthen public participation in land use decisions. It ensures Sherwood citizens have a voice by requiring at least one neighborhood meeting and one public hearing before the City Council or its designated body decides on major land use applications (Type III or higher, as defined by city ordinance). For significant land use applications (Type II or higher), the City must mail notices to property owners within 1,000 feet of the project site, following timelines set by city ordinance. Other notice methods, like online or newspaper postings, can also be used. This measure aligns with Oregon's goal of involving citizens in land use planning and protects Sherwood's right to maintain these processes despite state laws that might limit public input. It does not change current city procedures or have a direct financial impact.

The Charter would be amended to state:

Section 49. - Citizen Involvement in Land Use Decisions

"As a city that is of the people, by the people, and for the people, Sherwood is committed to hearing from the people. Sherwood is entrusted to ensure citizen involvement in land use decisions, as mandated by Statewide Land Use Goal 1. The City Council shall establish, by ordinance, procedures to ensure transparency and meaningful public participation in all phases of the land use process, including notice, hearings, and appeals. These procedures are inherent to Sherwood's political form and are rooted in Sherwood's home rule authority. These procedures shall not be preempted by state laws that limit public engagement and include:

No Type III or higher land use application, as specified by adopted city ordinance, shall be decided without at least one duly noticed neighborhood meeting and one public hearing before the City Council or its delegated decision making body. A public hearing shall also be held before deciding any appeal, using procedures set by ordinance; and

Mailed notice in advance of neighborhood meetings and public hearings must be sent to all property owners within 1,000 feet of the subject property for all Type II or higher applications, using the classifications and timelines prescribed by ordinance. Additional notice methods, such as published or electronic notices may also be required."