

Notice of Measure Election

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250.275, 250.285, 254.085, 254.465

City

Notice

Date of Notice

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: Establishes City Authority Over Annexation Decisions

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

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

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

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.

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.

Sylvia Murphy
Signature

November 10, 2025
Date Signed

Exhibit 2 to Resolution 2025-074

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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This measure amends the Sherwood City Charter to confirm the City's control over decisions about expanding its boundaries through annexations. It declares that deciding which areas become part of Sherwood is a core part of the City's governance (political form). The City Council will set rules for approving or denying annexation requests, and these rules cannot be overruled by state laws that try to limit or change the City's authority. This measure ensures Sherwood keeps local control over its growth and boundaries. It also reinforces Sherwood's home rule authority under the Oregon Constitution. No direct financial impact is expected.

The Charter would be amended to state:

Section 3. - Boundaries.

"The city includes all territory within its boundaries as they now exist or are legally modified. Unless required by a public health emergency as defined by ORS 222.850 and ORS 222.855, annexations may only take effect with the approval of city voters. The city recorder will maintain as a public record an accurate and current description of the boundaries.

Determining the city's jurisdictional boundaries is declared to be a matter inherent to its political form. The City shall have the exclusive authority to review, approve, or deny annexation requests subject to the procedures and standards adopted by ordinance of the City Council. These procedures shall not be preempted by state laws that modify or eliminate this authority"