



RESOLUTION 2005-010

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN ELECTION IN THE CITY OF SHERWOOD ON MAY 17, 2005 TO SUBMIT TO CITY VOTERS AN AMENDED SECTION 37 RELATING TO COUNCIL STIPENDS FOR THE NEW HOME RULE CHARTER

The City Council of the City of Sherwood finds:

- a. By Resolution 2005-008 the city council referred a new City Home Rule Charter to the voters at the May 17, 2005 election.
- b. The new charter is based on the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) 2004 model charter for cities. The Sherwood city council reviewed the LOC model charter made changes and adapted it to meet the present and future needs of the City.
- c. Section 37 relating to compensation in the model charter does not limit the authority of the city council to compensate elected officials. Section 37 in the new Sherwood City Charter limits does limit council authority to compensate elected officials.
- d. This measure would allow the city council to set stipends for the mayor and councilors. The stipends could not begin before January 2007. The stipends would be based on the average of four comparable cities. Currently those four cities are Tualatin, Tigard, Lake Oswego and West Linn.
- e. It is in the best interest of the City to submit to the voters this amended Section 37 to allow future mayors and councilors to receive stipends.

THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF SHERWOOD RESOLVES:

- Section 1.** An election is for the City of Sherwood, Washington County, Oregon for the purpose of submitting to City voters an amendment to Section 37 of the new City home rule charter.
- Section 2.** Tuesday, May 17, 2005 is designated as the date for holding the election for voting on the measure.
- Section 3.** The election will be conducted by the Washington County Elections Department.

Section 4. The precincts for this election will include all of the territory within the corporate limits of the City of Sherwood.

Section 5. The ballot title will read as follows:

CAPTION: AMENDMENT TO NEW SHERWOOD HOME RULE CHARTER

QUESTION: Shall the City of Sherwood amend its new home rule charter?

SUMMARY: This measure would replace Section 37 of the new city charter. The new Section 37 would grant the city council authority to set stipends for the mayor and councilors.

In 2004 the League of Oregon Cities adopted a new model charter. The model grants the city council authority to set compensation for both elected and appointed city officials. The city council adapted the model charter to continue previous Sherwood charter policy decisions. One of those policy decisions limits council authority to set compensation for elected officials.

The council believes the needs of the City of Sherwood will be better met if future mayors and councilors receive stipends. The stipends could not begin until after January 2007. The stipends would be based on the average of four comparable cities. Currently those four cities are Tualatin, Tigard, Lake Oswego and West Linn.

Section 6. The proposed amended section 37 would read as follows:

Section 37. Compensation. The council must authorize the compensation of city appointive officers and employees as part of its approval of the annual city budget. Beginning in January 2007, the council may approve stipends for the mayor and councilors. The stipends will be based on the average stipends of four comparable cities. The mayor and councilors may be reimbursed for actual expenses.

Section 7. The city recorder is authorized to submit an impartial explanatory statement for the Washington County voters' pamphlet on behalf of the City.

Section 8. The city recorder will publish the ballot title as provided by state law.

Section 9. This resolution is effective upon its adoption by the city council.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 1st day of March, 2005

Keith S. Mays
Mayor

ATTEST:

C. L. Wiley
City Recorder

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