



RESOLUTION 2005-043

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN ELECTION IN THE CITY OF SHERWOOD TO REQUEST VOTER APPROVAL OF WILLAMETTE RIVER WATER AS A SOURCE FOR CITY WATER

WHEREAS, the City of Sherwood now gets its drinking water from wells; and

WHEREAS, The City staff and City Council have studied additional water sources to meet the long-term drinking water needs for the City; and

WHEREAS, Willamette River drinking water from the City of Wilsonville water system has been of high quality, and the cost of that water has been relatively stable over several years; and

WHEREAS, City Charter Section 43 prohibits the use of Willamette River water as a source for City drinking water without voter approval; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes it is in the best interest of the City to submit to the voters this request for approval of Willamette River as a source of drinking water for the City.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERWOOD RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of Sherwood, Washington County, Oregon calls an election to submit to City voters a measure to approve the Willamette River as a source of drinking water for the City.

Section 2. The Washington County Elections Department will conduct the election.

Section 3. The precincts for this election will include all of the territory within the boundaries of the City.

Section 4. The ballot title for this measure reads as follows:

CAPTION: City of Sherwood Willamette River Drinking Water

QUESTION: Shall City of Sherwood allow use of treated Willamette River water as a source for drinking water?

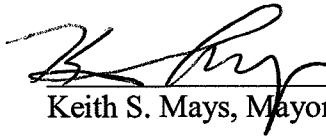
SUMMARY: This measure would allow the City to use treated Willamette River water as a source for drinking water. Section 43 of the City of Sherwood Charter prohibits use of Willamette River water for city drinking water without voter approval. Voters added that section to the City Charter in November 2001. The City now gets its drinking water from wells. The City studied other water sources to meet long-term needs. Willamette water from the Wilsonville water system has been of high quality at a stable cost. The City Council would like the voters to approve this water use. A yes vote allows the City to use Willamette water as an additional water source. A no vote limits the City to only the Portland Water Bureau as an additional water source.

Section 6. The City Recorder is authorized to submit an impartial explanatory statement for the Washington County voters' pamphlet on behalf of the City.

Section 7. The City Recorder will publish the ballot title as provided by state law.

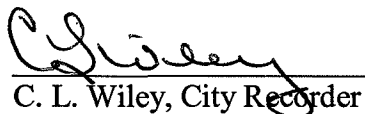
Section 8. This resolution is effective upon its adoption by the city council.

Duly passed by the City Council this 26th day of July, 2005



Keith S. Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:



C. L. Wiley, City Recorder