



RESOLUTION 2011-071

A RESOLUTION OF THE SHERWOOD CITY COUNCIL CERTIFYING THE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR PROPOSED REVISION OF CITY CHARTER TO BE REFERRED TO THE ELECTORS ON THE NOVEMBER 2011 BALLOT

WHEREAS, on August 2, 2011, the Sherwood City Council approved the proposed revision of the City Charter and referred the revision to the November 2011 ballot; and

WHEREAS, under Sherwood Municipal Code (SMC) 2.04.044, the City Council is to certify the explanatory statements of all city-referred measures; and

WHEREAS, the explanatory statement was drafted by the City Attorney to ensure compliance with state law; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the Explanatory Statement for the Measure proposing revisions to the City Charter which has been referred to voters for the November 8, 2011 election.

NOW THEREFORE, BASED ON THE FOREGOING, THE CITY OF SHERWOOD RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council hereby certifies the explanatory statement attached hereto as Exhibit A for revising the City Charter consistent with its duty under SMC 2.04.044 and is deemed to have filed the explanatory statement with the City Recorder on August 16, 2011.

Section 2. The City Recorder is directed to publish a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the city upon receipt of the explanatory statement consistent with the terms of SMC 2.04.044(C) and that explanatory statement shall be used with the City's ballot measure for approval by voters at the November 8, 2011 election.

Section 3. This resolution is effective upon its adoption by the City Council.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 16th day of August, 2011.


Keith S. Mays, Mayor

Attest:


Sylvia Murphy, CMC, City Recorder

CITY OF SHERWOOD MEASURE TO AMEND CITY CHARTER

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Oregon Constitution gives city voters the right to adopt, amend and revise the city charter. Sherwood voters adopted the current city charter in 2005. It has not been amended or revised since then. The proposed revision was approved by the Sherwood City Council and referred to the ballot on August 2, 2011.

This measure would update the city charter to delete obsolete provisions, clarify some of the responsibilities of the mayor and city council; establish a four-year mayoral term; and modify other administrative provisions to reflect current municipal organizational practices. The proposed changes include:

- Authorizing the mayor to appoint members of certain boards and commissions with the consent of the City Council and specifying that the members serve at the pleasure of the council.
- Deleting the mayor's authority to veto city legislation.
- Requiring the mayor's signature on all City Council decisions.
- Establishing a four-year term for the mayor beginning with the next general election in November 2012.
- Establishing a two-year term for the council president beginning with the next general election in November 2012.
- Prohibiting the mayor and city councilors from holding another elected office at the same time.
- Clarifying the process for filling vacancies on the City Council.
- Specifying that the City's municipal court judge must be a member of Oregon State bar.
- Deleting obsolete provisions regarding personnel rules and compensation.
- Deleting an obsolete provision regarding use of Willamette River water

Significantly, the proposed revision retains a number of existing charter provisions that are unique to Sherwood, including voter approval for all annexations and the requirement that City Councilors are elected by position.

If approved by the voters, the revisions will take effect on January 1, 2012.