

Amended by
Ord 98-1047

CITY OF SHERWOOD, OREGON

ORDINANCE NO. 807

AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING THE METHOD FOR NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES TO CITY ELECTIVE OFFICES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, at the primary election of May 1984, the notice of the City of Sherwood adopted a new charter for the City of Sherwood which shall become effective July 1, 1984, and whereas, Chapter VIII, Section 8.4 of said charter provides that the City Council shall provide by Ordinance the mode for nominating elective offices,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF SHERWOOD ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: The nomination of candidates to elective offices for the City of Sherwood, shall only be made in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 2. Nomination by Declaration of Candidacy:

An eligible elector who will have been a resident of the City of Sherwood for one year immediately before being elected to office may become a candidate to any elective office in the City of Sherwood, by filing a declaration of candidacy, or by filing a nomination petition.

Section 3. Filing fee:

At the time of filing, a declaration of candidacy shall be accompanied by a filing fee of \$10.00. No filing fee shall be required for a nomination petition.

Section 4. Contents of Declaration of Candidacy:

The declaration of candidacy shall be in writing and shall contain:

- (a) The name by which the candidate is commonly know. A candidate may use a nickname in parenthesis in connection with the candidates full name.
- (b) The mailing address of the residence of the candidate.
- (c) The office and position numbers, if any, to which the candidate seeks to be elected.
- (d) A statement that the candidate is willing to accept the office if elected.
- (e) A statement that the candidate will qualify if elected.
- (f) The signature of the candidate.

Section 5. Contents of a Nomination Petition:

A petition for nomination shall contain:

- (a) The name by which the candidate is commonly known. A candidate may use a nickname in parenthesis in connection with the candidates full name.
- (b) The mailing address of the residence of the candidate.

(c) The office and position numbers, if any, to which the candidate seeks to be elected.

(d) A statement that the candidate is willing to accept the office if elected.

(e) A statement that the candidate will qualify if elected.

(f) The signature of the candidate.

(g) The signatures of not less than 10 eligible duly registered electors residing within the City of Sherwood.

Section 6. Time for Filing:

A declaration of candidacy shall be filed not later than the 76th day before the date of the election for the office for which the candidate is declaring candidacy, nor more than 250 days prior to said election date. A nomination petition shall be filed not later than 80 days before the date of the election for the office for which the nomination petition is being filed, nor more than 250 days prior to said election date.

Section 7. Filing Office:

The declaration of candidacy or nomination petition shall be filed with the City Recorder of the City of Sherwood.

Section 8. Filing for More Than One Office:

No person shall file a declaration of candidacy or a nomination petition for more than one elective office for which an election is to be held, unless the person first files a written statement of withdrawal of the person's initial filing.

Section 9. Withdrawal of Candidacy:

A candidate who has filed a declaration of candidacy or a nomination petition may withdraw not later than the 71st day before the date of the election by filing a written statement of withdrawal with the filing officer with whom the declaration of candidacy or nomination petition was filed. The statement shall be made under oath and state the reasons for withdrawal.

Section 10. Certifying Candidates to Ballot:

The City Recorder shall check all candidate filings and certify all eligible candidates' names to the county elections officer for placement on the ballot. With respect to checking nomination petitions, the recorder shall only be required to ascertain whether or not 10 qualified electors including the candidate have signed the petition.

Section 11:

Notwithstanding, that this ordinance provides the exclusive method of nominating candidates whose names shall be on the election ballot, nothing herein contained shall be construed to preclude voters from writing in and electing a qualified person who has not filed a declaration of candidacy, or a nomination petition.

Section 12. Effective Date:

Inasmuch as 1984 is an election year, and it is necessary that potential candidates and the filing officer of the City of Sherwood know the procedure

to file to become candidates for elective offices as soon as practicable, an emergency is declared to exist, and this ordinance shall become effective upon its passage by the Council and approval by the Mayor. This ordinance, whether or not enacted prior to the effective date of the new charter, shall nonetheless, determine the procedure for nomination of candidates for officers to be elected under the new charter.

PASSED:

By the Council, by majority vote of all Council persons present, after being read three times by caption, this 11th day of July, 1984.

Polly Blankenbaker
Polly Blankenbaker, City Recorder

APPROVED:

By the Mayor, this 11th day of July, 1984.

Mary L. Tobias
Mary Tobias, Mayor