

## **ORDINANCE 2025-003**

# AMENDING SHERWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.08 CREATING A YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS, the Sherwood City Council met in a work session on February 4, 2025 to discuss the creation of a Youth Advisory Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sherwood City Council expressed an interest in giving young residents a meaningful voice in local government and community projects; and

**WHEREAS,** if the group were organized as a board, a council liaison would be appointed to serve as a non-voting member, as required by SMC 2.08.045(A), which will ensure that the perspective of the group is heard at the council level;

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

Section 1. After full and due consideration of the information presented at the public hearings, the City Council finds that a new code provision will be added as 2.08.095 as indicated in the attached Exhibit 1.

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective on the 30<sup>th</sup> day after its enactment by the City Council and approval by the Mayor.

Duly passed by the City Council on May 6th, 2025.

Tim Rosener, Mayor Date

Sylvia Murphy, MMC City Recorder

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#### **NEW CODE PROVISION**

## 2.08.095 Youth advisory board

- A. Purpose. The Sherwood Youth Advisory Board is hereby established for the purpose of educating, engaging and empowering young residents by providing a platform for meaningful involvement in local government and community initiatives.
- B. Composition. The Board shall consist of seven members who are enrolled in grades ninth to twelfth and are either Sherwood residents or attend school within the boundary of the Sherwood School District.
- C. Term of Office. For the first year following the formation of the Youth Advisory Board, the term of office for four members of the Youth advisory board shall be one year and the remaining three members shall be two years. For all subsequent appointments, the term of office will be two years.
- D. Duties and responsibilities. The Board shall:
  - Actively engage in city initiatives by providing input to the city on policies and programs
    affecting youth residents. Collaborate with city leaders and community organizations to
    boost civil engagement
  - Serve as ambassadors for youth issues by promoting civic participation and encouraging
    peers to engage in local government and volunteer opportunities. Attend leadership events
    and other civic gatherings.
  - 3. Assist the city council and city administration in creating public policy on youth safety, transportation, health and wellness, and other needs.
  - 4. Regularly review, and advise the city council and city administration on specific programs and policies relative to youth services goals and objectives, including setting annual priorities and determining projects based on community needs.
  - 5. Establish and maintain coordinated and cooperative working relationships between residents, the business community, faith community, senior population, schools, other agencies, and the city government.
  - 6. Undertake additional responsibilities relative to youth services as may be designated by the city council or request by the city administration.