



RESOLUTION 2016-049

APPROVING BALLOT TITLE AND EXPLANATORY STATEMENT AND SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS A PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT REGARDING THE MAYOR'S TERM OF OFFICE

WHEREAS, the Sherwood City Council met in public work sessions on February 16, 2016 and June 7, 2016 to discuss a number of possible amendments to the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Council further considered said amendments during a public meeting on July 19, 2016 and has determined to submit to the voters of Sherwood a ballot measure proposing to amend the charter with regard to the Mayor's term of office;

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

- Section 1.** An election is called for the City of Sherwood, Washington County, Oregon for the purpose of submitting to City voters an amendment to the City's home rule charter regarding the Mayor's term of office.
- Section 2.** Tuesday, November 8, 2016 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 and Explanatory Statement attached as Exhibits 1 and 2, respectively, are hereby approved and certified.
- Section 6.** The City Recorder will publish the Ballot Title as required by state law. The City of Sherwood authorizes the City Recorder or her designee to act on behalf of the City and to take such further action as is necessary to carry out the intent and purposes set forth herein, in compliance with the applicable provisions of law.
- Section 7.** This Resolution shall be effective upon its approval and adoption.

Duly passed by the City Council this 19th day of July, 2016.


Krisanna Clark, Mayor

Attest:


Sylvia Murphy, MMC, City Recorder

Exhibit 1
Ballot Title

CAPTION: Revision to Sherwood Charter Regarding Mayor's Term of Office

QUESTION: Shall the charter be amended to change the Mayor's term of office from two years to four?

SUMMARY: This measure was referred to the voters by the City Council. It amends Section 25 of the charter such that the Mayor's term of office would be changed from two years to four. If approved, it would take effect January 1, 2017, which means that the person elected Mayor in the November 2016 elections would serve a four-year term commencing in January 2017.

Section 25 would read in its entirety as follows:

At every other general election, beginning with the 2016 general election, a mayor will be elected for a four-year term. The mayor elected in the 2016 general election shall serve a four-year term commencing in accordance with Section 29 of this charter.

Exhibit 2
Explanatory Statement

The Oregon Constitution gives city voters the right to adopt, amend, and revise the City Charter. The Sherwood City Council met several times in open public meetings to discuss a number of possible amendments to the City Charter, and determined to refer this measure proposing a charter amendment to the voters.

This measure would amend Section 25 of the City Charter such that the Mayor's term of office would be changed from two years to four. In considering this amendment, the City Council reviewed the mayor's term of office in other area cities and found that, in most cases, the term was four years.

Section 25 would read in its entirety (with added language shown in underline and removed language shown in ~~strikethrough~~):

At ~~each~~every other general election, beginning with the 2016 general election, a mayor will be elected for a ~~two~~four-year term. The mayor elected in the 2016 general election shall serve a four-year term commencing in accordance with Section 29 of this charter.

If approved by voters, this measure would take effect January 1, 2017, which means that the person elected Mayor in the November 2016 elections would serve a four-year term commencing in January 2017.