



RESOLUTION 2016-050

APPROVING BALLOT TITLE AND EXPLANATORY STATEMENT AND SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS A PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT REGARDING MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMPENSATION

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 Mayor and Council compensation;

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 Mayor and Council compensation.
- 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 and City Council Compensation

QUESTION: Shall the charter be amended to allow specified compensation for the Mayor and City Council?

SUMMARY: Referred to voters by City Council. Effective January 1, 2017, amends charter to allow specified compensation for Mayor and Council.

Section 37, excluding the first sentence of that section, which is the subject of a separate ballot measure and is not affected by this measure, would read:

The mayor and councilors may be reimbursed for actual and reasonable expenses, and additionally the mayor may be compensated in the amount of five-hundred dollars (\$500) per month and the members of the council may each be compensated in the amount of two-hundred fifty dollars (\$250) per month, beginning January 2017, such amounts to thereafter be automatically adjusted annually effective January of each year, beginning January 2018, by the same percentage as the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-W West Index percentage figure for the prior calendar year. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the position of mayor and the council positions elected in November 2016 shall be eligible to receive compensation under this section beginning January 2017, and the remaining council positions shall be eligible beginning January 2019.

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 part of Section 37 of the City Charter to allow specified compensation to be paid to the Mayor and City Council. The compensation amounts would be indexed to inflation. The Mayor and those City Council positions elected in the November 2016 elections would be eligible to receive the compensation beginning in January 2017, and the remaining City Council positions would become eligible in January 2019, after being elected at the November 2018 elections.

In considering this amendment, the City Council reviewed the issue of compensation for the mayor and city council in other area cities and found that, in most cases, some level of compensation was made available. In those cities where compensation was available, the amounts reviewed by the City Council varied widely, ranging from fifty dollars (\$50) per month for councilors up to over one-hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000) per year for a full-time mayor. In many cases, the mayor received a higher level of compensation than councilors, which the Sherwood City Council determined was appropriate based on the additional duties of the mayor's position.

Section 37, excluding the first sentence of that section, which is the subject of a separate ballot measure and is not affected by this measure, would read (with added language shown in underline and removed language shown in ~~strikethrough~~):

The mayor and councilors ~~shall not be compensated but~~ may be reimbursed for actual and reasonable expenses, and additionally the mayor may be compensated in the amount of five-hundred dollars (\$500) per month and the members of the council may each be compensated in the amount of two-hundred fifty dollars (\$250) per month, beginning January 2017, such amounts to thereafter be automatically adjusted annually effective January of each year, beginning January 2018, by the same percentage as the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-W West Index percentage figure for the prior calendar year. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the position of mayor and the council positions elected in November 2016 shall be eligible to receive compensation under this section beginning January 2017, and the remaining council positions shall be eligible beginning January 2019.

If approved by voters, this measure would take effect January 1, 2017.