ORDINANCE NO. 840

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WILSONVILLE AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION, SUBMITTAL, AND PUBLICATION OF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS FOR VOTERS' PAMPHLETS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Oregon elections laws require that, for any initiative or referendum by petition, an impartial, simple, and understandable statement explaining the measure and its effect shall be submitted by the governing body of the local government to the County Elections Official, provided the City has an ordinance providing for the preparation and submittal of such statement; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes it is important that the public be informed of the impact of any initiatives and referendums that will amend the City Charter or Wilsonville Code, through use of an impartial, simple, and understandable explanatory statement in the voters' pamphlets; and

WHEREAS, the City has not had an initiative petition in several years, but an initiative petition was presented to the City Council at the January 23, 2020 meeting that will be placed on the May 2020 election; and

WHEREAS, the initiative is retroactive and will therefore impact the mayor and each member of the City Council in a different way; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to inform the citizens of what impact the initiative, if passed, will have on the November 2020 election, and elections in the future, in a concise and neutral manner.

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

- In accordance with Oregon elections laws requirements, the City Council hereby directs the City Manager, City Attorney, and/or City Elections Official (City Recorder) to prepare, submit, and publish an impartial, simple, and understandable statement for the May 2020 voters' pamphlets, explaining the measure and its effects.
- City Council further directs the City Manager, City Attorney, and/or City Elections
 Official (City Recorder) to prepare, submit, and publish an impartial, simple, and

- understandable statement for subsequent voters' pamphlets where a City initiative or referendum is on the ballot.
- 3. Due to the postponement of the City Council meeting caused by the President's Day holiday, coupled with the short time allowed for City Council to prepare and provide the explanatory statement to the County Elections Official, it is necessary for the preservation of public health, safety, and welfare that an emergency be declared, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect on the date of passage, following second reading.
- 4. This Ordinance will be effective upon enactment.

SUBMITTED to the Wilsonville City Council and read for the first time at a regular meeting thereof on the 3rd day of February 2020, commencing at the hour of 7 p.m., at the Wilsonville City Hall, 29799 SW Town Center Loop East, Wilsonville, Oregon, and scheduled for second reading at the following City Council meeting commencing at the same place on February 18, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

Kimberly Veliz, City Recorder

ENACTED by the City Council on the 18th day of February 2020, by the following votes:

Yes: 5

No: 0

Kimberly Veliz, City Recorder

DATED and signed by the Mayor the 18th day of February, 2020.

TIM KNAPP, MAYOR

SUMMARY OF VOTES:

Mayor Knapp

Yes

Council President Akervall

Yes

Councilor Lehan

Yes

Councilor West

Yes

Councilor Linville

Yes