



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type: City Council
Meeting Date: March 3, 2025
From: Tyler Deems, City Manager
Subject: PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance 2025-08: Urban Renewal Agency Board Modification

DECISION TO BE MADE:

Whether to modify the composition of the Sandy Urban Renewal Agency Board (Board).

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT:

The Sandy Urban Renewal Agency was created in November 1998 via [Ordinance 1998-16](#). In January 1999, [Ordinance 1998-19](#) was adopted to expand the Board to include two additional members (one representative from Sandy Fire District and one from the business community). Most recently, the business community representative has been a member of the Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce.

The discussion to possibly modify the composition of the Board has taken place a few times over the past several years, with no direction ever being given to staff to actually take action. During the goal setting session that was held on [February 1, 2025](#), modifying the composition of the Urban Renewal Agency Board was discussed. It was noted during this discussion that, after reviewing the Board composition for 14 other nearby cities, Sandy was one of only two cities to have a Board include non-elected officials.

[Oregon Revised Statutes \(ORS\) Chapter 457](#) details the rules and regulations for Urban Renewal. More specifically, Chapter 457.055 allows for transfer of urban renewal agency powers at any time, provided that the transfer of power is adopted via ordinance. Ordinance 2025-08, if adopted, would repeal Ordinance 1998-19 and reinstate the original language from Section 2 of Ordinance 1998-16, which states:

“The powers of the urban renewal agency of the City of Sandy as set forth in ORS Chapter 457 shall be exercised by the Sandy City Council, acting as the urban renewal agency of the City of Sandy. Any act of the Sandy City Council acting as the urban renewal agency shall be considered the act of the urban renewal agency only and the Sandy City Council.”

KEY CONSIDERATIONS / ANALYSIS:

In an effort to increase efficiencies with multiple Boards and Commissions, the Council supported the concept of modifying the composition of the Board. Aligning the composition of the Board to the City Council will assist in ensuring the following:

- Direct oversight of the Board is retained with elected officials
- Entirety of the Board is accountable to voters
- Direct alignment of goals, with the governing body being the same for both entities
- Consistency in number of budget committee members during the budget process
- Higher likelihood of full Board attendance at meetings

BUDGET IMPACT:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Pursuant to Council direction, staff recommends that the City Council hold a public hearing and adopt Ordinance 2025-08.

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS / EXHIBITS:

- Ordinance 2025-08