

**CITY OF SHEBOYGAN
CHARTER ORDINANCE 3-25-26**

BY ALDERPERSONS DEKKER AND PERRELLA.

SEPTEMBER 8, 2025.

AN ORDINANCE (being subject to the home rule provisions of § 66.0101 of the Wisconsin Statutes) to authorize primary elections whenever three or more candidates file nomination papers for an elective city office.

WHEREAS, the City of Sheboygan has traditionally held primary elections whenever three or more candidates file nomination papers for an elective city office; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 8.11(1)(b) permits the common council may avoid the need to annually determine to hold a primary by enacting a charter ordinance providing for a primary whenever three (3) or more candidates file nomination papers for a city office.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHEBOYGAN DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: **ADOPTION** Sec. 2-948 of the Municipal Code entitled “Primary Elections” is hereby created so as to read as follows:

“Sec. 2-948 - Spring primary

Whenever three or more candidates file nomination papers for an elective city office, a primary election shall be held for the nomination of candidates for such office.”

SECTION 2: **REPEALER CLAUSE** All ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 3: **EFFECTIVE DATE** This is a charter ordinance and shall take effect sixty (60) days after its passage and publication, unless within such sixty (60) days after its passage and publication a referendum petition shall be filed as provided in § 66.0101 of the Wisconsin Statutes, in which event this ordinance shall not take effect until it shall have been submitted to a referendum of the electors and approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF SHEBOYGAN COMMON COUNCIL

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Presiding Officer

Attest

Ryan Sorenson, Mayor, City of
Sheboygan

Meredith DeBruin, City Clerk, City of
Sheboygan