



January 8th 2026

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

I hereby submit this memorandum to formally notify you that I have exercised my authority under Section 2-124 of the Sheboygan Municipal Code to veto General Ordinance 35-25-26.

This ordinance was introduced as part of our broader effort to modernize Sheboygan's outdated zoning code. The intent behind this ordinance is to consolidate committee definitions and responsibilities into a single, centralized location that makes it easier for residents to access important information. This is a goal I fully support. This change should not happen on its own. It should be addressed with the zoning code and be consistent with the broader changes.

While efficiency is important, we must ensure that these updates reflect the needs of the community. Better aligning in this process will allow for more thoughtful consideration of long-term impacts.

The zoning code is a foundational tool for shaping Sheboygan's future progress. Committees play a critical role in this process by providing diverse perspectives and ensuring accountability. For these reasons, I believe it is essential that any changes to committee structures and responsibilities occur in a manner that is clear, collaborative, and well understood by all involved.

My decision to veto this ordinance is not a rejection of modernization, it is a commitment to doing it right. We can create a zoning framework that truly serves our residents and positions Sheboygan for new opportunities. Thank you for your understanding and partnership as we work toward a zoning process that is forward-thinking.

Dutifully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ryan Sorenson".

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