



June 4th 2025

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 Charter Ordinance 1-25-26 as amended.

This ordinance was crafted with input from alders, extensive work by City staff in collaboration with outside legal counsel who collectively dedicated several months of thoughtful analysis. Unfortunately, the actions taken at the City Council meeting on Monday do not reflect sound policy-making practices. The process fell short of the standards of good policy development, and results in less effective governance.

In particular, the amendment that was introduced and adopted significantly altered the original intent and impact of the charter ordinance. This substantial change was made without adequate research, and a comprehensive examination of how comparable *cities* handle similar matters. As such, the amendment undermines the integrity of the legislative process and results in governance that lacks both effectiveness and accountability. We should not “shoot from the hip” when doing so results in significant internal structural changes.

Effective government requires thoughtful consideration of daily operations and long-term consequences. The approach taken in this instance did not meet that standard, and as Mayor, I have a responsibility to ensure that our actions are both principled and informed. For these reasons, I am compelled to veto the ordinance in its amended form. We have to get this right.

Dutifully,

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