



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Title: Request for Council Action – Ordinance No. 1 for 2024 – Codifying the Community Health Committee

Preferred Agenda: February 13, 2024

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Type of Action: Resolution ___ Motion X Roll Call _____ Other _

Relevant Code/Policy: SHMC Chapter 2.10

Towards Council Goal: Be an effective and efficient government, rejuvenate essential services

Attachments: Ordinance Bill No. 1 for 2024

Purpose of this RCA:

To codify the Community Health Committee for the City of Sweet Home.

Background/Context:

The City of Sweet Home wishes to codify its Community Health Committee. The committee would be an advisory board to the City Council and would make recommendations regarding community health challenges and resources in the City of Sweet Home, in addition to supporting community health events and providers.

The first and second reading of the ordinance were held during the City Council meeting of January 23, 2024. Since that meeting, additional feedback was received from the ad hoc committee related to the challenges of recruiting industry experts if the committee is held to the existing residency requirements under Sweet Home Municipal Code. The language of the ordinance has been updated to reflect a waiver of this requirement.

The Challenge/Problem:

The Community Health Committee has been meeting on an ad hoc basis without a formalized governance structure or codified advisory authority. The community health needs of the City of Sweet Home necessitate an ongoing commitment to assessing, supporting, and attracting community health resources.

Stakeholders:

- Staff– Staff will be able to route community health concerns and suggestions to the Community Health Committee for their review and recommendations.
- Council – The Community Health Committee will be an advisory board that can make recommendations to the City Council as well as review items Council requests of the committee.

- Citizens – Citizens can have input on community health by either attending committee meetings or joining the committee as board members. The committee will also provide a centralized inventory of community health resources that the community can access.

Issues and Financial Impacts:

The ad hoc committee has historically received \$1,000 annually to support the Sweet Home Community Health Fair. The Community Health Committee will receive this amount as a formal line item in the annual budget moving forward.

Elements of a Stable Solution:

Codification of the Community Health Committee to assess existing community health resources, make recommendations to City Council, support improved health in the community, and review all community health matters referred to it by the City Council in accordance with Sweet Home Municipal Code Section 2.10.

The Committee would review any requests regarding community health and make recommendations to the City Council.

Options:

1. Option #1 – Do Nothing. The Community Health Committee would not be codified, and items of concern would be considered by the City Council and staff.
2. Option #2 – Direct staff to amend Ordinance Bill No. 1 for 2024 again and bring it back to Council for consideration.
3. Option #3 – Make a Motion to approve Ordinance Bill No. 1 as amended for 2024.
4. Option #4 – Make a Motion to approve Ordinance Bill No. 1 as originally written.

Recommendation:

1. Option #3 – Make a Motion to approve Ordinance Bill No. 1 as amended for 2024.