

ORDINANCE BILL NO. 3 FOR 2026

ORDINANCE NO. ____

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SWEET HOME MUNICIPAL CODE (SHMC) 2.04.030
NOMINATIONS & DECLARING THE NEED FOR AN EXPEDIENCY CLAUSE**

WHEREAS, current procedures for filing for elective office are detailed in the SHMC; and

WHEREAS, existing filing deadlines were established by Ordinance 949; and

WHEREAS, recent changes to State law under House Bill (HB) 4024 establishing an earlier filing deadline for incumbent candidates contradict existing Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, this is the first Sweet Home City Council election to be affected by HB 4024;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF SWEET HOME DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. SHMC Chapter 2.040.030 Nominations is hereby amended as follows:

2.04.030 NOMINATIONS

Only a qualified elector under State law who has resided in the City at least one year immediately before the election may be nominated for the Council by one of the following methods.

A. For Non-Incumbent Candidates:

1. A petition to make such a nomination shall be signed by not less than ten, nor more than 20, electors. No elector shall sign more than one such petition and, should an elector do so, their signature shall be void as to the petition or petitions last filed. The petitions shall be filed not earlier than 100 days, nor later than 64 days, before the election date. Each candidate shall have the signatures of the electors on their petition verified by the County Elections Officer, prior to filing the petition with the City Elections Officer.
2. A declaration of candidacy shall be signed and a fee set by Council Resolution shall be paid to the City at the time of filing. The declaration of candidacy shall be filed not earlier than 100 days, nor later than 64 days, before the election date.
3. A write-in vote at the time of the election as allowed by State law.

B. For Incumbent Candidates:

1. A petition to make such a nomination shall be signed by not less than ten, nor more than 20, electors. No elector shall sign more than one such petition and, should an elector do so, their signature shall be void as to the petition or petitions last filed. The petitions shall be filed not earlier than 100 days, nor later than 71 days, before the election date. Each candidate shall have the signatures of the electors on their petition verified by the County Elections Officer, prior to filing the petition with the City Elections Officer.

2. A declaration of candidacy shall be signed and a fee set by Council Resolution shall be paid to the City at the time of filing. The declaration of candidacy shall be filed not earlier than 100 days, nor later than 71 days, before the election date.
3. A write-in vote at the time of the election as allowed by State law.

Section 2. Expediency Clause. Whereas the statutory changes resulting from passage of HB 4024 are already in effect, it is hereby adjudged and declare than an emergency exists and existing conditions are such that this Ordinance is needed to be immediately enforced upon its passage. Therefore, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED by the Council and approved by the Mayor this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Manager – Ex Officio City Recorder