



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Title: Request for Council Action – Ordinance No. 1 for 2025 – Amending Ordinances No. 427, 825, 975, 1224, and 1322

Preferred Agenda: February 11, 2025

Submitted By: Blair Larsen, City Attorney

Reviewed By: Cecily Hope Pretty, City Manager Pro Tem

Type of Action: Resolution Motion Roll Call Other

Relevant Code/Policy: Sweet Home Charter Chapter VII, Section 23

Towards Council Goal: Aspiration II: Effective and Efficient government

Attachments: Ordinance Bill No. 1 for 2025

Purpose of this RCA:

The purpose of this RCA is to present for City Council consideration an Ordinance that amends Ordinance Nos. 427 (pertaining to certain street names), 825 (pertaining to certain subdivision street names), 975 (pertaining to Wild, Exotic, or Dangerous Animals), 1224 (pertaining to Animals and Birds), and 1322 (the Alyrica Franchise Agreement).

Background/Context:

The previous City Attorney, Robert Snyder, discovered last year that several City Ordinances did not have the clause “the City of Sweet Home does ordain as follows” that is required by the Sweet Home Charter for enacting ordinances. Consequently, he drafted the proposed ordinance to correct this problem. The current City Attorney has reviewed his findings, and the Ordinance he drafted, and agrees that this correction should be made.

These ordinances are not being changed in content by the proposed ordinance except that each will now include the charter clause. Ordinance 427 was used to name some streets; Ordinance 825 was used to name a few subdivision streets; Ordinance 975 dealing with Wild, Exotic or Dangerous Animals (wolf, poisonous reptile, alligator, etc.) and Ordinance 1224 dealing with Animals and Birds (amount and area for certain animals). Ordinance 1322 is the Franchise Agreement with Alyrica Networks. The remaining text in these ordinances is to remain as passed. Ordinance 975 is found at SHMC 6.12 and Ordinance 1224 is found at SHMC 6.04. The other ordinances are contained in the Sweet Home Municipal Code.

The proposed ordinance will amend said Ordinances, which were previously passed by the City Council, with the enacting clause required by the City Charter.

The Challenge/Problem:

Should the City of Sweet Home pass the proposed Ordinance to have said Ordinances include the enacting clause as set forth in the City Charter?

Stakeholders:

- City of Sweet Home Staff: The ordinance provides a consistent approach to ordinances.
- Sweet Home City Council: The Council is responsible for passing ordinances that conform to the requirements of the City Charter.

Issues and Financial Impacts:

This Ordinance has no financial impact.

Elements of a Stable Solution:

The amendment of all non-conforming ordinances with the Enacting Clause required by the Sweet Home City Charter.

Options:

1. Do nothing: Keep the current Ordinances as passed. This leaves some ordinances out of compliance with the City Charter
2. Motion to conduct a first reading of the Ordinance as proposed: If the voting is unanimous, a second reading, by title only, may take place during the same meeting.
3. Motion to conduct a first reading of the proposed ordinance with changes: The Council may make changes to the proposed ordinance. If the voting is unanimous, a second reading, by title only, may take place during the same meeting.
4. Direct Staff to draft other or different provisions and terms for the ordinance.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends option 2: Move to conduct a first reading of the Ordinance as proposed.