

# CITY OF COOS BAY CITY COUNCIL

## Agenda Staff Report

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| July 7, 2026 | 4.e                |

TO: Mayor Benetti, Council President DiNovo and City Councilors

FROM: Christine Sylvester, Executive Coordinator

THROUGH: Nichole Rutherford, City Manager

ISSUE: Consideration of Approval of a Proposed City Charter Amendment - Approval Would Require Adoption of Resolution 26-25 Calling a Measure Election to Submit to the Electors of the City

### **SUMMARY:**

With recent State legislative changes related to transient lodging tax and allowable uses, consideration is presented to request from electors within Coos Bay to modify the City Charter to distinctly identify how these funds continue to be allocated. Additionally, there are some small clerical changes to help align with current practices and programs. A charter amendment has been prepared, and if adopted, will allow staff to submit to Coos County for placement on the November 3, 2026 ballot.

### **ACTION REQUESTED:**

If it pleases the Council, approve the proposed changes to establish Charter provisions governing the use of transient lodging tax revenues, make the position of Municipal Judge optional and authorize the establishment or discontinuance of a municipal court by ordinance, revise candidate qualification procedures to reflect the Municipal Judge changes and remove obsolete, unnecessary, and outdated language and adopt Resolution 26-25 to place a ballot measure on the November 2026 Election.

### **BACKGROUND:**

During the last legislative session, a bill was passed that changed the allowable allocation of transient lodging taxes from a strong focus on tourism promotion to adding support for other city services. The City of Coos Bay firmly understands that tourism is a distinct and valuable part of the local economy, and as such, was to strongly advocate that the current allocation used within the budget continue in subsequent years, by formally documenting the allocation and intent within the Coos Bay Charter.

Additionally, there are several other changes within the Charter that are being recommended, such as removal of the necessity of a municipal judge, as that is handled at the County level, and other clerical modification that closely align with current practice.

### **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:**

None. This charter amendment proposes to formally document the current budget allocation under the transient lodging tax program.

### **ATTACHMENT(S):**

- Resolution 26-25 Charter Amendment.pdf
- City Charter Proposed Amendment 2026\_Legislative Copy.pdf
- City Charter Proposed Amendment 2026\_Clean Copy.pdf