

CITY OF HOOD RIVER
ORDINANCE No. 2080

**An Ordinance Amending Title 2 (Administration and Personnel),
Chapter 2.56 (Urban Renewal Agency) of the Hood River Municipal Code by
Transferring the Powers of the City Urban Renewal Agency to the City Council.**

The Hood River City Council adopts the following findings:

WHEREAS, the City of Hood River is an Oregon home-rule charter municipal corporation with a City Charter that grants it all the powers and authority that the constitution, statutes and common law of the United States and this State expressly or impliedly grant or allow as though each such power was specifically enumerated; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority in ORS chapter 457, the Hood River City Council created the Hood River Urban Renewal Agency in 1986 (Ordinance No. 1579), with a seven-member board, consisting of three city councilors, two Port of Hood River commissioners, one member of the Planning Commission, and one member from the public at large; and;

WHEREAS, the Hood River City Council revised the Urban Renewal Agency Board in 2012 (Ordinance No. 2003) to consist of a 7-member board to a 9-member board, consisting of seven of the currently seated members of the City Council and two currently seated Commissioners of the Port of Hood River, to be selected by the Port of Hood River and subject to approval by the city; and

WHEREAS, the impending closures of the Columbia-Cascade District and Waterfront District as well as the creation of the Westside District means the Port of Hood River will no longer be a major landowner in Urban Renewal Agency Districts; and

WHEREAS, the Hood River City Council deliberated on different Urban Renewal Agency Governing Board configurations at their meetings on December 11th, 2023, January 1st, 2024, and March 11th, 2024; and

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council for the City of Hood River ordains that Title 2, Chapter 56, of the Hood River Municipal Code is hereby amended as set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

READ FOR THE FIRST TIME this 8th day of April, 2024.

READ FOR THE SECOND TIME and adopted this 22nd day of April 2024. This Ordinance shall take effect on the 1st day of January, 2025.

Paul Blackburn, Mayor

Attest:

Approved as to Form:

Jennifer Gray, City Recorder

Daniel Kearns, City Attorney

Chapter 2.56 URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY

Sections:

- 2.56.010 Findings.**
- 2.56.020 Urban renewal board – Composition and quorum.**
- 2.56.030 Powers.**

~~**2.56.040 – Intergovernmental agreement – Preliminary surveys.**~~

Legislative History: [Ord. 2080 \(2024\)](#), Ord. 1585 (1987); Ord. 1579 (1986); Ord. 2003 (2012)

2.56.010 Findings.

- A. Blighted areas exist within the city.
- B. There is a need for an urban renewal agency to function within the city. (Ord. 1585, 1987; Ord. 1579, 1986)

2.56.020 Urban renewal board – Composition and quorum.

The City Council elects to have the powers of an urban renewal agency exercised ~~by the City Council itself, pursuant to ORS 457.045(23), and the Council, acting in its capacity as the Urban Renewal Agency shall be known as the “Hood River Urban Renewal Agency”. A quorum of the Urban Renewal Agency Board shall be a majority of the then-current City Council positions. by the Hood River Urban Renewal Agency, governed by a board consisting of nine members as follows:~~

~~A.—Seven board members shall be the then-current members of the City Council, each serving terms concurrent with their terms as city councilors.~~

~~B.—Two board members shall be active commissioners of the Port of Hood River, which shall be appointed by the Port of Hood River, subject to approval by the City Council and shall serve terms of two years.~~

~~C. A quorum of the Urban Renewal Board shall be a majority of the then current filled Board positions. (Ord. 2080, 2024, Ord. 2003, 2012; Ord. 1585, 1987; Ord. 1579, 1986)~~

2.56.030 Powers.

The Urban Renewal Agency established in this chapter shall have all powers provided for by law. The Hood River Urban Renewal Agency shall, by resolution of the agency, establish such bylaws and other rules of procedure as it deems necessary or proper to carry out its lawful duties. and shall proceed immediately by conducting preliminary surveys to determine if the undertaking and carrying out of an urban renewal project is feasible pursuant to ORS 457.180(5). (Ord. 2030, 2024, Ord. 1585, 1987; Ord. 1579, 1986)

~~**2.56.040 Intergovernmental agreement – Preliminary surveys.**~~

~~The City shall enter into an intergovernmental agreement pursuant to ORS 190.003 et. seq. with the Port of Hood River to provide for the initial financing for the preliminary surveys and feasibility analysis and further to ascertain whether tax increment financing as provided in ORS 457.420 – ORS 457.460 is feasible for such a project. (Ord. 1585, 1987; Ord. 1579, 1986)~~