

ORDINANCE NO. NS-2562

An ordinance of the City Council repealing Ordinance No. NS-2554

Findings

- A. ORS 223.112 to ORS 223.161 authorize the City to establish economic improvement districts and to use assessments to fund specific economic improvement projects.
- B. In strict compliance with all statutory requirements, the City adopted Ordinance No. NS-2554 establishing an Economic Improvement District within the Bend Central District (EID) applying only to commercial properties, and establishing a process for imposition of assessments (the "Ordinance"). The Ordinance took effect on June 19, 2026, 30 days after its adoption by roll call vote of the City Council on May 20, 2026.
- C. On July 15, 2026, in accordance with ORS 223.117, the City held a public remonstrance hearing in which owners of property impacted by the proposed EID assessment had the opportunity to support or object to the proposed assessment. During the remonstrance hearing, the City Council received written remonstrances from owners of approximately 60 percent of the property proposed to be assessed by the EID.
- D. ORS 223.117 directs that if the City Council receives written remonstrances from owners of more than 33 percent of the property proposed to be assessed by the new EID, the assessment may not be made and the economic development project must be terminated.
- E. Following receipt of remonstrances during the July 15, 2026 hearing, the City Council passed a motion certifying that objections were received from owners of property within the EID upon which more than 33% of the total amount of assessments would be levied for the EID, therefore the assessments will not be made and the economic improvement project will be terminated. The Council directed City staff to prepare an ordinance rescinding the EID.

Ordinance

Based on these findings, the City of Bend ordains as follows:

- Section 1.** Ordinance No. NS-2554, which took effect on June 19, 2026, is repealed in its entirety, rescinding and terminating the Bend Central District Economic Improvement District established therein.



Section 4. If any provision, section, phrase, or word of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application.

Section 5. All other provisions of the Bend Municipal Code remain unchanged by this ordinance and remain in effect.

First Reading

September 2, 2026

Second Reading

September 16, 2026

Adoption by Roll Call Vote

Yes: Kebler, Franzosa, Méndez, Norris, Platt, Riley

No:

Melanie Kebler, Mayor

Attest:

Ashley Bontje, City Recorder

Approved as to form:

Ian Leitheiser, City Attorney