

ELECTION PROCESSES, ACCOUNTABILITY AND FINANCING.



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Changing Charter Process

- Amendment or Repeals proposed:
 1. By ordinance adopted by 2/3 of the council.
(5 of the 7)
or
 2. By petition of at least 20% of the total number of qualified voters who voted for candidates for council in the two most recent regular city elections.



Changing Charter Process

- When amendment or repeal has been properly proposed, the City Clerk shall submit it to the voters during an election.
 1. A majority of voters is required.
 2. If approved by the majority of voter it will become effective in 30 days or the date set in the proposed amendment or repeal.



Nominating Petitions for Mayor/Council

- Adding additional days to the time for all separate papers comprising a nominating petition shall be assembled and filed as one instrument.
- Providing time for voters to challenge the City Clerk's decision to purge a signature.
- Providing the City Clerk more time to notify the candidates and the petitioners whether or not the petition satisfies the City Charter requirements.



Referendum and Initiative Petition Requirements (Possible Changes)

- Add the requirement that petition circulators be registered voters of the district.
- Add time for voters to withdraw their signature from any petition
- Increasing the time for the City Clerk to certify sufficiency of a petition.
- Increase the required number of signatures for a petition (15% currently)
- Increase the number of days the City Clerk has to certify the sufficiency of a petition.



Recall Petitions (Possible Changes)

- Increase the required number of signatures for a recall petition. (10% currently)
- Increase the number of days the City Clerk has to certify the sufficiency of a petition.
- Raise standards from recall to including citing of malfeasance and misfeasance.
- Limit the number of times councilor can be subject to recall.
- Eliminate the amendment period for recall petitions.
- Specify that voters have a right to withdraw their signatures from a petition in an established time.
- Specify time when the collection of signatures for a petition starts.

Referendum, Initiative and Recall Petitions (Possible Changes)

- Setting all elections on municipal petitions on a general election date.



QUESTIONS



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