

(c) Requirements of Petition; How Signed; Filing Date; Notification; Acceptance. Signatures to nominating petitions need not be appended to one paper, but to each separate paper there shall be attached an affidavit of the circulator thereof, stating that each signature thereto was made in his presence and is the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be. Each signer of a petition shall sign his name in ink or indelible pencil and, after his or her name, shall designate his or her address by street and number or other description sufficient to identify the place.

All separate papers comprising a nominating petition shall be assembled and filed with the election authorities as one instrument at least sixty (60) days prior to the date of holding the primary election with respect to which such petition is filed. Within ten (10) days after the filing of such nominating petition the election authorities shall notify the person therein as a candidate whether the petition is found to satisfy all the prescribed conditions. Any eligible person placed in nomination as hereinabove provided shall have his name printed on the ballots for the primary election if, within seven (7) days after such notification, he shall have filed with the election authorities a written acceptance of nomination.
(Amended 11-5-68.)

SECTION 3.0 CANDIDATES AT ELECTIONS.

The number of candidates for each elective office at the regular municipal election shall not exceed twice the number to be elected at that election, being those who received the highest number of votes at the primary election.
(Amended 11-5-68.)

SECTION 4.0 WHO TO BE DECLARED ELECTED.

The candidates for any elective office, equal in number to the places to be filled, who shall receive the largest number of votes at such regular municipal election shall be declared elected. (Amended 11-5-68.)

SECTION 5.0 VOTING PROCEDURE.

In order to vote for a candidate or candidates at any primary or regular municipal election, the voter shall, after entering the voting booth, place a cross in the square before each candidate's name for whom he wishes to vote, but in no case shall an elector vote for more than one candidate for Mayor, one candidate for Clerk-Auditor, and for more than the number of candidates to be elected for Council.
(Added 11-5-68.)

ARTICLE XI INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM AND RECALL

SECTION 1.0 INITIATIVE.

The electors of the City shall have the power to propose any ordinance or resolution, and to adopt or reject the same at the polls, such power being known as the initiative. An initiated ordinance or resolution shall be submitted to the Council by a petition signed by electors of the City not less in number than ten percent (10%) of the electors voting at the last regular municipal election. Such petition shall designate not less than three (3) of the signers thereof as a Committee authorized to take action as in this Section provided.

When so submitted, the Clerk-Auditor shall ascertain the sufficiency of such petition and, if found sufficient, the Council shall take final action, either enacting, amending or rejecting the proposed legislation, within forty (40) days after submission.

If the Council fails to pass such proposed ordinance or resolution, or passes it in some form different from that set forth in the petition therefor, the petitioners, through the Committee named in such petition, may, not later than the next regular meeting of the Council, request in writing that the legislation as set forth in said petition be submitted to a vote of the electors. Not later than the next regular meeting thereof following receipt of such request, the Council shall provide for submitting the petitioned ordinance or resolution to the electors at the next general election or regular municipal election occurring more than sixty (60) days after the filing of such request. If such petition is signed by at least twenty percent (20%) of such electors, or such number of electors so requested by petition, the Council shall provide for submitting such legislation to the electors at a special election to be held not later than eight (8) months after such request.

SECTION 2.0 REFERENDUM.

Within thirty (30) days after the final passage by Council of any ordinance or resolution which is subject to a referendum under the laws of the State of Ohio, a petition signed by electors of the City not less in number than ten percent (10%) of the total electors voting at the last regular municipal election may be filed with the Council requesting that the ordinance or resolution be repealed or submitted to a vote of the electors. When said petition is filed, the Clerk-Auditor shall ascertain the sufficiency of the petition and, if found sufficient, the Council shall, within thirty (30) days after the filing of such petition, reconsider such ordinance or resolution. If upon such reconsideration such ordinance or resolution is not repealed, the Council shall provide for submitting the same to a vote of the electors at the next general election or regular municipal election occurring more than sixty (60) days after the filing of such petition; provided that if a referendum petition is filed at such time that the submission of the legislation referred to therein to a vote of the electors at a general election or regular municipal election would not occur within a period of six (6) months after the filing of such petition the Council may provide for submitting such legislation to a vote of the electors at a special election to be held at a date fixed by the Council but not later than eight (8) months after the filing of such petition.

SECTION 3.0 RECALL.

Electors of the City shall have the power to remove from office by recall election any elected official of the City in the manner provided by the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio.

SECTION 4.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS.

The manner of signing, the method of circulating, the form and requirements as to the affidavit, and the other requirements of the general law regulating initiative and referendum petitions shall apply to initiative, referendum and recall in the City, except as otherwise provided in this Charter.