

DRAFT Single Filing Location in City Clerk's Office

Sec. 602. Nominations – primary election.

(a) **Filing period.** A person may submit to the City Clerk ~~or election authorities~~ a nominating petition at least twelve weeks prior to the date of the primary election. The ~~City Clerk shall submit the nominating petitions to the~~ election authorities ~~and the election authorities~~ shall examine the petitions immediately as to their sufficiency and shall publish a notice as required by law.

(b) **Required signatures.** The following number and source of signatures are required to qualify for the primary ballot:

Mayor	no less than 1,000 nor more than 2,500 registered voters of the City
Council member at-large	no less than 500 nor more than 1,500 registered voters of the City
District Council member	no less than 300 nor more than 750 registered voters of the district

(c) **Nominating petition requirements.**

- (1) **Multiple pages.** Signatures to a nominating petition need not all be appended to one page, but each separate page must have an affidavit of the circulator stating that each signature was made in the circulator's presence and is the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be.
- (2) **Required information.** Each signer of a petition shall sign his or her name in ink or indelible pencil, and designate his or her residence by street and number, or other description sufficient to identify the place. Printed or typed names of each signer shall be included in each petition.
- (3) **No embellishment of nominating petition.** A nominating petition shall not include any political party or other designation.
- (4) **Form of petition.** The City Clerk shall provide form nominating petition papers.
- (5) **Verification of signatures.** If necessary, no later than the Thursday following the close of the filing period the City Clerk will distribute nominating petitions to the appropriate election authorities for verification of signatures. Election authorities will return to the City Clerk nominating petitions showing valid and invalid signatures with a count of valid signatures.

(d) **Primary ballot.**

- (1) ***Determination of signature threshold.*** The City Clerk will total the number of valid signatures reported by each election authority for each person to determine compliance with the requirement for valid signatures. Persons who submit a nominating petition to the City Clerk with the required signatures will be placed on the primary ballot for the office designated in the petition.
- (2) ***One office.*** A person may be on the City primary ballot seeking only one office.
- (3) ***Submission of information to election authorities.*** The City Clerk will prepare the appropriate documents for submission to the election authorities setting forth those persons to be placed on the primary ballot as soon as possible.

Sec. 721. Filing recall petition.

A petition demanding the removal of any officer elected by the vote of the people shall be known as a recall petition. A recall petition, to be effective, must be filed with the City Clerk, ~~or with the election authorities,~~ within thirty (30) days after the filing of the affidavit as provided in the next preceding section, and to be sufficient, must bear the signatures of registered voters of the City or district from which such officer was elected equal in number to at least twenty per cent (20%) of the total vote cast therein for candidates for the office of Mayor at the last preceding regular municipal election. A recall petition, if insufficient as originally filed, may be supplemented as provided in this article. The committee of petitioners hereinafter described shall have the right, ~~at their option,~~ to file a recall petition ~~either~~ with the City Clerk ~~or with the election authorities of the City,~~ and the City Clerk ~~or the election authorities, as the case may be, with equal force and effect,~~ shall have the power to certify as to the sufficiency of such recall petition.

Sec. 722. Recall election ordered.

The City Clerk ~~or election authorities~~ shall examine such recall petition and any supplementary petition, and if found sufficient, the Clerk ~~or they~~ shall at once submit same to the Council with the Clerk's ~~or their~~ certificate to that effect and shall notify the officer whose removal is sought of such action. If the officer whose removal is sought does not resign within five (5) days after such submission, the Council shall thereupon order and fix a day for holding a recall election in the City or district from which such officer was elected at the next available municipal or state election held not less than forty-five (45) days after the petition shall have been presented to the Council for which the City can lawfully provide required notices to the election authorities without seeking a court order.

Sec. 731. Filing petitions.

All petition papers comprising an initiative, referendum or recall petition shall be assembled and filed with the City Clerk ~~or, if a recall petition, with the election authorities,~~ as one instrument. Each petition paper shall include as a part thereof a statement giving the names and addresses of five electors of the city, who, as a committee of petitioners, shall be officially regarded as filing the petition. Within ten days after a petition shall have been filed, the Clerk, ~~or the election~~

~~authorities, if a recall petition is filed with such authorities,~~ shall determine its sufficiency and shall attach thereto a certificate showing the result of the Clerk's ~~or their~~ examination. If the Clerk ~~or they, as the case may be,~~ shall certify that the petition is insufficient, the Clerk ~~or they~~ shall set forth in the certificate the particulars in which it is insufficient and shall at once notify the committee of the petitioners of the Clerk's ~~or their~~ findings.

Sec. 732. Supplementary petitions.

If the City Clerk, ~~or the election authorities, if a recall petition is filed with such authorities,~~ shall find an initiative, referendum or recall petition to be insufficient, the committee of petitioners may at any time within ten (10) days after the making of a certificate of insufficiency by the City Clerk, ~~or by the election authorities, if a recall petition was filed with such authorities,~~ file a supplementary petition upon additional papers as provided in case of an original petition. The Clerk, ~~or the election authorities, if a recall petition was filed with such authorities,~~ shall, within five (5) days after such a supplementary petition is filed, make examination of such supplementary petition, and, if the Clerk's ~~or their~~ certificate shall show the petition, as supplemented still to be insufficient, the Clerk ~~or they~~ shall file it in the Clerk's ~~or their~~ office and notify the committee of the petitioners of the findings, and no further action shall be had on such insufficient petition. The determination that any petition is insufficient shall not prejudice the filing of a new petition for the same purpose. No technical rule shall govern the determination of the sufficiency of such petitions or the signatures appealed thereto, but the intent and the identity of each signer thereof shall be fairly determined.

Sec. 733 – Sec. 799. Reserved.