

ARTICLE VII. INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM AND RECALL

Sec. 701. Initiative petitions.

Any new ordinance or any ordinance to amend or repeal, in whole or in part, any existing ordinance, may be submitted to the Council by petition signed by electors of the City equal in number to at least five per cent (5%) of the total vote cast for candidates for the office of Mayor at the last preceding regular municipal election, **provided, that there be not less than four thousand (4,000) signatures**. Each petition paper shall contain the proposed ordinance in full and all papers for each petition shall be uniform in character.

Sec. 710. Referendum petition.

Any ordinance passed by the Council, except ordinances with an accelerated effective date or emergency measures, shall be subject to referendum of the electors. If within forty (40) days after the passage of any such ordinance, and subject to the provisions as to notice required by section 503(b)(2) of this charter, a petition signed by electors equal in number to at least ten per cent (10%) of the total vote cast for candidates for the office of Mayor at the last preceding regular municipal election, **provided, that there be not less than seven thousand (7,000) signatures**, be filed with the City Clerk, requesting that the ordinance or any part thereof be repealed or submitted to a vote of the electors, it shall not take effect until the steps herein indicated have been taken. Referendum petitions need not contain the entire text of the ordinance, or of any entire section or sections thereof, the repeal of which is sought, but the text of any portion, the repeal of which is so sought, less than a complete section shall be set forth in such petition.

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-five percent (25%)** of the total vote cast therein for candidates for the office of Mayor at the last preceding regular municipal election, **provided, that there be not less than eighteen thousand (18,000) signatures in the case of officials elected at large and ten thousand (10,000) signatures in the case of officials elected by district**. 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.