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City Petitions

City Initiative Petitions

The initiative process gives direct legislative power to the voters to enact new laws, change existing laws or amend the Oregon Constitution.

Any person, acting individually or on behalf of an organization, may become a chief petitioner of an initiative petition. The chief petitioners are the individuals who sponsor the initiative. An initiative may have up to three chief petitioners.

A prospective initiative petition consist of the text of the proposed city charter or ordinance, or an amendment to an existing city charter or ordinance, as well as the required forms that must be completed before filing the prospective initiative petition with the city elections official.

City charter or ordinance requirements may supersede certain state statutes, **except** for the statutory form and ballot title requirements and other mandatory state laws.

Review the requirements with the county elections office before filing the prospective petition.

City Referendum Petitions

Oregon's referendum process allows voters to approve or reject legislation adopted by the Oregon Legislature. The only Acts exempt from a referendum are emergency laws.

Any person, acting individually or on behalf of an organization, may become the chief petitioner, the sponsor of the referendum. A referendum may have up to three chief petitioners.

A prospective referendum petition consists of the text of the ordinance or other legislative enactment adopted by the county governing body, as well as the required forms that must be completed before filing the prospective petition with the county elections official.

A referendum petition may be filed on an entire or a part of an ordinance or other legislative enactment. County charter or ordinance requirements may supersede certain state statutes, **except** for the statutory form and ballot title requirements and other mandatory state laws.

Review the requirements with the county elections office before filing the prospective petition.

Forms

- SEL 222: [Statement of Organization for Petition Committee](#)
- SEL 223: [Campaign Account Information](#)
- SEL 301: [Statement One or More/No Petition Circulators Will Be Paid \(Initiative/Referendum only\)](#)
- SEL 307: [Agent Authorization Form](#)
- SEL 370: [Prospective Petition for Local Measure](#)
- SEL 371: [Petition for Local Initiative/Referendum Measure Signature Sheet](#)
(no circulators for this petition are being paid)
- SEL 373: [Petition for Local Initiative/Referendum Measure Signature Sheet](#)
(some circulators for this petition are being paid)
- SEL 375: [Withdrawal of Initiative or Referendum Petition](#)