

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-30

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5 OF THE CITY CHARTER RELATING TO  
INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM, AND RECALL

The City Council of the City of Bloomington, Minnesota does hereby ordain:

Section 1. That Chapter 5, Sections 5.05, 5.11, and 5.14, of the City Charter are amended by deleting those words struck through and contained in brackets [ ] and by adding those words that are underlined, to read as follows:

§ 5.05 FORM OF PETITION AND OF SIGNATURE PAPERS.

The petition for the adoption of any ordinance must consist of the ordinance and all of the signature papers and attached affidavits. The petition is not complete unless signed by a number of voters equal to at least ten percent of the total number of votes cast at the last preceding regular municipal election. All signatures need not be on one signature paper, but the person circulating every paper must make an affidavit that each signature on the paper is the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be. Each signature paper must be in substantially the following form:

INITIATIVE PETITION				
proposing an ordinance to _____ (stating the purpose of the ordinance), a copy of which ordinance is attached. This ordinance is sponsored by the following committee of registered voters:				
Name	Address	<u>Printed Name</u>	<u>Signature Date</u>	<u>Birth Year</u>
1. _____ (include four additional names.)				
The undersigned registered voters, understanding the terms and the nature of the ordinance attached, petition the council for its adoption, or, in lieu thereof, for its submission to the registered voters for their approval.				
Name	Address	<u>Printed Name</u>	<u>Signature Date</u>	<u>Birth Year</u>
1. _____ (Include additional names using this format.)				

~~[The affidavit of the person circulating the list of signatures must be attached to the list.]~~ The affidavit of the person circulating the petition must be included at the end of each list of signatures.

§ 5.11 THE REFERENDUM PETITION.

The requirements laid down in Section 5.04 and 5.05 on the formation of committees for the initiation of ordinances and the form of petitions and signature papers applies to the referendum. All signatures need not be on one signature paper, but the person circulating every paper must make an affidavit that each signature on the paper is the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be. A referendum petition must read as follows:

REFERENDUM PETITION				
proposing the repeal of an ordinance to (stating the purpose of the ordinance), a copy of which is attached. The proposed repeal is sponsored by the following committee of registered voters:				
Name	Address	<u>Printed Name</u>	<u>Signature Date</u>	<u>Birth Year</u>

1. _____ (Include four additional names.)				
The undersigned petitioners, understanding the nature of the ordinance attached and believing it to be detrimental to the welfare of the city, petition the council for its submission to a vote of registered voters for their approval or disapproval.				
Name	Address	<u>Printed Name</u>	<u>Signature Date</u>	<u>Birth Year</u>
1. _____ (Include additional names using this format.)				

The affidavit of the person circulating the petition must be included at the end of each list of signatures.

§ 5.14 THE RECALL PETITION[§].

The requirements laid down in Section 5.04 and 5.05 on the formation of committees for the initiation of ordinances and the form of petitions and signature papers applies to the recall. The petition for the recall of any official must include a certificate identical with that filed with the city clerk together with all the signature papers and affidavits attached. Signatures need not be on one signature paper, but the person circulating each paper must make an affidavit that each signature on the paper is the real signature of the person whose name it purports to be. Each signature paper must be in substantially the following form:

<b>RECALL PETITION</b>				
proposing the recall of _____ from the office as _____ which recall is sought for the reasons set forth in the attached certificate. The following committee of registered voters sponsors this recall petition:				
Name	Address	<u>Printed Name</u>	<u>Signature Date</u>	<u>Birth Year</u>
1. _____ (Include four additional names.)				
The undersigned registered voters, understanding the nature of the charges against the officer sought to be recalled, request the holding of a recall election.				
Name	Address	<u>Printed Name</u>	<u>Signature Date</u>	<u>Birth Year</u>
1. _____ (Include additional names using this format.)				

The affidavit of the person circulating the petition must be included at the end of each list of signatures.

Passed and adopted this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017.

\_\_\_\_\_  
/s/ Gene Winstead  
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
/s/ Denise M. Christenson  
Secretary to the Council

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/s/ Melissa J. Manderschied  
City Attorney