

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-11 __

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CHARTER SECTIONS 5.05, 5.11, AND 5.16
RELATING TO INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM AND RECALL

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

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

CHAPTER 5: INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM AND RECALL

§ 5.05 ~~[FORM OF]~~ INITIATIVE 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 registered in Bloomington 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 voters registered in Bloomington:

Name	Address	Printed Name	Signature	Date	Birth Year	Email	Telephone
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1. _____
(Include four additional names.)

The undersigned voters registered in Bloomington, 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 voters registered in Bloomington for their approval.

Name	Address	Printed Name	Signature	Date	Birth Year
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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.

Section 2. That Chapter 5, Section 5.11, of the City Charter is amended by deleting those words struck through and contained in brackets [] and by adding those words that are underlined, to read as follows:

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§ 5.11 [THE] REFERENDUM PETITION.

The petition for the repeal or submission to a vote of an 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 registered in Bloomington equal to at least 15 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. 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 voters registered in Bloomington:

Name	Address	Printed Name	Signature Date	Birth Year	<u>Email</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
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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 voters registered in Bloomington for their approval or disapproval.]~~ The undersigned voters registered in Bloomington, understanding the terms and the nature of the ordinance attached, petition the council for its repeal, or, in lieu thereof, for its submission to the voters registered in Bloomington for their approval or disapproval.

Name	Address	Printed Name	Signature Date	Birth Year
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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.

Section 3. That Chapter 5, Section 5.16, of the City Charter is amended by deleting those words struck through and contained in brackets [] and by adding those words that are underlined, to read as follows:

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§ 5.16 RECALL [ELECTION] PETITION.

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:

RECALL PETITION

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 voters registered in Bloomington sponsors this recall petition:

Name	Address	Printed Name	Signature Date	Birth Year	Email	Telephone
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1. _____

(Include four additional names.)

The undersigned voters registered in Bloomington, understanding the nature of the charges against the officer sought to be recalled, request the holding of a recall election.

Name	Address	Printed Name	Signature Date	Birth Year
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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.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective 90 days after publication.

Passed and adopted this 2nd day of June, 2025.

/s/ Tim Busse

Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Kaytlyn Danielzuk

Council Secretary

/s/ Melissa J. Manderschied

City Attorney