

A RESOLUTION submitting a proposition to the qualified electors of the City, at the general election to be held on November 5, 2002, to amend Article IV, Subsection 1B, and Article XX, Section 2, of the Charter of the City of Seattle to modify the requirements concerning the verification of the sufficiency of initiative and charter-amendment petition signatures to be consistent with state law, which currently provides that responsibility for verification of the sufficiency of such signatures rests with the County auditor; calling on the City Clerk to certify the proposed amendments to the Director of the Department of Records and Elections of King County and directing such Director to submit the proposition to City voters; and providing for the publication of such proposed amendments.

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WHEREAS, Article IV, Subsection 1B of the Seattle City Charter requires the City Clerk to cause the verification of the sufficiency of the signatures contained on any citizens' initiative petition submitted; and

WHEREAS, Article XX, Section 2 of the Seattle City Charter requires the City Clerk to examine and verify signatures contained on any citizens' petition to amend the Seattle City Charter; and

WHEREAS, current Washington state law (RCW 35A.29.170) provides that the responsibility for verification of signatures to determine the sufficiency of such citizens' petitions rests with the County and verification of petition signatures, and the timeline for such verification, is not within the control of the City; and

WHEREAS, Article XX, Section 2 contemplated that the City Clerk maintained voter registration lists, and state law has long since transferred this responsibility to the County Auditor; and

WHEREAS, the above Charter provisions purport to require something from the City that only the County can provide; and

WHEREAS, the City's inability to fulfill these provisions of the Charter arguably may leave the City exposed to potential liability for things beyond the City's control; and

WHEREAS, while Washington state law regarding the verification of signatures may change from time to time, the City will comply with the state law in effect at any given time; and

WHEREAS, the language in the Seattle City Charter and in Washington state law pertaining to the verification of signatures on a citizens' initiative or voter-proposed petition to amend the Charter are inconsistent; and

WHEREAS, modifying the City Charter to comport with state law would create uniformity between these two bodies of law and greater legal clarity;



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2 **NOW THEREFORE,**

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4 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS**  
5 **FOLLOWS:**  
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7           Section 1.     Subject to the approval of a proposition by a majority of the qualified  
8 electors casting votes thereon, Article IV, Subsection 1B and Article XX, Section 2 of the  
9 Charter of the City of Seattle are each amended as follows:

10 **ARTICLE IV. Legislative Department.**

11 **Section 1.                                   \*\*\***

12                   **B. INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM; HOW EXERCISED; PETITIONS;**  
13 **VERIFICATION OF SIGNATURES; COMPLETION OF PETITION,**  
14 **CONSIDERATION IN COUNCIL:**  
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16           The first power reserved by the people is the initiative. It may be exercised on petition of a  
17 number of registered voters equal to not less than ten (10) percent of the total number of  
18 votes cast for the office of Mayor at the last preceding municipal election, proposing and  
19 asking for the enactment as an ordinance of a bill or measure, the full text of which shall be  
20 included in the petition. Prior to circulation for signatures, such petition shall be filed with  
21 the City Clerk in the form prescribed by ordinance, and by such officer assigned a serial  
22 number, dated, and approved or rejected as to form, and the petitioner so notified within five  
23 (5) days after such filing. Signed petitions shall be filed with the City Clerk within one  
24 hundred eighty (180) days after the date of approval of the form of such petitions. Upon  
25 such filing, the City Clerk shall ~~((eause))~~ convey the signed petition to the officer  
26 responsible for the verification of the sufficiency of the signatures to the petition under state  
27 law for such verification, and transmit it, together with his or her report thereon to the City  
28 Council at a regular meeting not more than twenty (20) days after the filing of such signed



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1 petition, and such transmission shall be the introduction of the initiative bill or measure to  
2 the City Council. If the officer responsible for verification of the sufficiency of signatures  
3 under state law notifies the City Clerk ~~((shall find))~~ that any petition, which, upon filing had  
4 a sufficient number of signatures, has ~~((to have))~~ insufficient verified signatures, ~~((he or she))~~  
5 the City Clerk shall notify the principal petitioners, and an additional twenty (20) days shall  
6 be allowed them in which to complete such petition to the required percentage.  
7 Consideration of such initiative petition shall take precedence over all other business before  
8 the City Council, except appropriation bills and emergency measures.

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11 **Article XX Charter Amendments**

12 **Section 2. PROPOSED BY VOTERS:** Whenever fifteen percent in number of the  
13 registered voters of the City voting at the last preceding election for the office of Mayor  
14 shall file with the City Council a petition for a specified Charter amendment, which shall be  
15 set forth in full in such petition, it shall be the duty of the City Council to submit said  
16 amendment to the voters of the City for their ratification or rejection at the next general  
17 municipal election occurring at least sixty days after the filing of such petition; such  
18 amendment shall be submitted in the manner provided by law for the submission of  
19 propositions to the voters of the City, provided: That when such petition is filed with the  
20 City Council it shall be the duty of the City Clerk to ~~((examine and verify all signatures~~  
21 ~~thereto from a comparison with the registration lists in his or her office))~~ convey the signed  
22 petitions to the officer responsible for verification of the sufficiency of signatures under state  
23 law, and to convey ~~((report))~~ to the City Council ~~((his or her findings))~~ any report received



1 as to the number of valid signatures contained in such petition. The Council shall provide by  
2 ordinance a penalty for affixing to any such petition any false signature. If at the general  
3 municipal election at which such amendment is submitted, a majority of the lawful voters  
4 voting thereon shall by their vote ratify any amendment so submitted, the same shall thereby  
5 become a part of the Charter and within five days after such election it shall, by  
6 proclamation of the Mayor, which shall be published in the city official newspaper, be so  
7 proclaimed, provided: That if more than one amendment be petitioned for and submitted at  
8 the same election such amendments shall be submitted in such manner that the electors may  
9 vote for or against each amendment separately, and provided further; That, after submission  
10 by the City Council, every such amendment shall be published by the City Clerk in two  
11 daily newspapers in the City for at least thirty days prior to such election and such other  
12 notice shall be given for at least ten days prior to such election as may be required by law for  
13 the submission of propositions to the voters of the City for their ratification or rejection.

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15 Section 2. The King County Director of Records and Elections, as ex officio  
16 supervisor of elections, is hereby directed to submit to the qualified electors of the City the  
17 proposition set forth below at the City general election on November 5, 2002.

18 The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to certify the proposition to the  
19 King County Director of Records and Elections in the following form:

20 **CITY OF SEATTLE CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

21 **Verifying Petition Signatures**

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23 The Seattle City Council has adopted Resolution -- concerning proposed  
24 amendments to Seattle City Charter Articles IV and XX. This measure would change  
25 Charter provisions regarding the verification of the sufficiency of voter signatures on

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initiative petitions and City Charter-amendment petitions to make those provisions consistent with state law. The Charter currently imposes verification duties on the City Clerk. State law, however, presently calls for verification of such signatures by the County Auditor.

Should the proposed Charter amendments be:

Approved . . . . . \_\_

Rejected . . . . . \_\_

Section 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the Director of the Department of Records and Elections of King County as Supervisor of Elections the charter amendment proposed herein in the form of a ballot title conforming to the foregoing statement of the same, with any alterations the City Attorney shall deem appropriate in carrying out his duties pursuant to RCW 29.27.066, and shall certify a copy of the proposed Charter amendment, and the same shall be published by the City Clerk in two daily newspapers in the city for at least (30) days prior to such election, as required by the City Charter, and as required by RCW 35.22.170.

Section 4. Should the voters approve both this proposition and the proposition being submitted at the same election to amend Article XX, Section 2, of the Seattle City Charter to modify the requirement for publication of notice of proposed charter changes, then both the modifications made by that other proposition and the modifications made by this proposition shall be given effect.

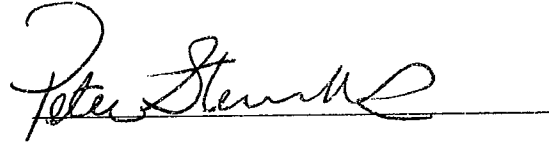
Section 5. Should the voters approve both this proposition and the proposition being submitted at the same election to amend Article IV, Subsection 1B, of the Seattle City



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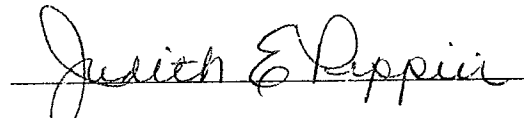
1 Charter to modify the time period for transmitting initiative petitions and his or her report  
2 thereon to the City Council, then both the modifications made by that other proposition and  
3 the modifications made by this proposition shall be given effect.  
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5 Adopted by the City Council the 3rd day of September, 2002, and signed  
6 by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 3rd day of September,  
7 2002.

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9 President of the City Council

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11 Filed by me this 3rd day of September, 2002

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13 City Clerk  
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15 (SEAL)



**Legislative Department  
Office of City Clerk  
Memorandum**

**Date:** August 29, 2002  
**To:** Council President Peter Steinbrueck  
**From:** Judith Pippin, City Clerk *J. Pippin*  
Mary Denzel, Director, Central Staff  
John Taylor, Central Staff  
**Subject:** Resolutions Proposing Charter Amendments

Attached to this memo you will find four (4) Resolutions that propose amendments to the City Charter, and the related fiscal notes. These Resolutions will be presented to the Full Council at its Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 3, 2002, for Introduction and Adoption.

The concepts addressed in, and the reasons for, these charter amendments were presented to you and to each Councilmember earlier this year. It is desired that these charter amendments be placed on the November 5, 2002 ballot. The table below shows summaries of the proposed changes:

PROPOSED CHARTER CHANGES		
Article/Section	Proposed Change	Purpose
Art IV Subsection 13A	Allow publishing of summaries of ordinances passed as allowed by state law (instead of whole text, which is expensive to publish)	Cost saving
Art XX, Sections 1 & 2	Allow publishing of Charter amendments once a week for four weeks (as allowed in state law) instead of for 30 days in two newspapers as required by the Charter.	Cost saving
Art IV Subsection 1B	Modify the Charter's timeline for the Clerk to report to Council on the sufficiency of petition signatures for initiatives. The Charter gives 20 days from date of filing of the petition. The state gives the responsibility for verifying signatures to the County. The City cannot control the time the County takes. The change is to require the Clerk to report within 20 days of receiving the report from the County on the sufficiency of the signatures.	Replacing a responsibility that the City cannot fulfill with one the City can fulfill.
Art IV Subsection 1B and Art XX Section 2	Replace language that holds the Clerk responsible for verifying the sufficiency of petition signatures with language that acknowledges this duty is assigned by state law, (and is currently assigned to the County Auditor).	Correcting outdated assignment of responsibility.





In order to meet a City Charter requirement that proposed charter amendments be adopted by Council at least 60 days before the date of the election for which they would appear on the ballot, the Council must have adopted the Resolutions by Friday, September 6, 2002. Therefore, we are submitting the Resolutions to you for Introduction and Adoption at the Regular Full Council Meeting of Tuesday, September 3, 2002.

If you have any questions about the proposed charter amendments or the Resolutions regarding same, please do not hesitate to contact me at 4-8361 or Mary Denzel at 4-8158.

Attachments (8)



Mary Denzel  
 August 26, 2002  
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**Fiscal Note**

Each piece of legislation that appropriates funds, creates position authority, or will create a financial impact through policy direction or otherwise, requires a fiscal note. The fiscal note should be drafted by department staff and should include all relevant financial information. After preparation by departmental staff, the Department of Finance will review and make necessary revisions before transmittal to Council.

<b>Department:</b>	<b>Contact Person/Phone:</b>	<b>DOF Analyst/Phone:</b>
Legislative	Mary Denzel 684-8158	Sara Levin

**Legislation Title:**

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**Summary of the Legislation:**

This measure would change the Charter's provisions in Article IV, Subsection 1B and Article XX, Section 2 for verifying the sufficiency of voter signatures on petitions to make those procedures consistent with state law.

These Charter amendments direct the City Clerk to "convey the signed petitions to the officer responsible for the verification of the sufficiency of the signatures under the state law for such verification."

**Appropriations (in \$1,000's):**

<b>Fund Name and Number</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Budget Control Level*</b>	<b>2002 Appropriation</b>	<b>2003 Anticipated Appropriation</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>				

*\* This is line of business for operating budgets, and program or project for capital improvements*

**Notes:**

**Expenditures (in \$1,000's):**

<b>Fund Name and Number</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Budget Control Level*</b>	<b>2002 Expenditures</b>	<b>2003 Anticipated Expenditures</b>



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**Anticipated Revenue/Reimbursement (in \$1,000's):**

Fund Name and Number	Department	Revenue Source	2002 Revenue	2003 Revenue
<b>TOTAL</b>				

**Notes:**

**Total Permanent Positions Created Or Abrogated Through Legislation, Including FTE Impact; Estimated FTE Impact for Temporary Positions:**

Fund Name and Number	Department	Position Title*	2002 FTE	2003 FTE
<b>TOTAL</b>				

\* List each position separately

**Do positions sunset in the future? (If yes, identify sunset date):**

**Background** (Include brief description which states the purpose and context of legislation and include record of previous legislation and funding history, if applicable):

As currently written, the Charter requires the City Clerk to cause the verification of the sufficiency of petition signatures for initiatives, and to examine and verify signatures on petitions for citizen-proposed Charter amendments. State law assigns the responsibility for verifying signatures to the County.

The proposed Charter language will allow the City to obtain the verification of signatures in whatever way is indicated in state law. If state law changes in the future, the City will be able to conduct this business as specified in state law without having to get a Charter change.

**The financial cost of not implementing the legislation** (Estimate the costs to the City of not implementing the legislation, including estimated costs to maintain or expand an existing facility or the cost avoidance due to replacement of an existing facility, potential conflicts with regulatory requirements, or other potential costs if the legislation is not implemented):

To the extent that the City could be challenged for not abiding by this provision of the Charter (having the City Clerk verify signatures), not changing this provision in the Charter arguably may leave the City exposed to potential liability for things beyond the City's control!

**Possible alternatives to the legislation which could achieve the same or similar objectives** (Include any potential alternatives to the proposed legislation, including using an existing facility to fulfill the uses envisioned by the proposed project, adding components to or subtracting components from the total proposed project, contracting with an outside organization to provide the services the proposed project would fill, or other alternatives):

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Continue the status quo, without the Charter change.

Is the legislation subject to public hearing requirements (If yes, what public hearings have been held to date):

No

Other Issues (including long-term implications of the legislation):

**FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS ONLY**

**Background** (Include brief description that states the purpose and context of legislation, the expected useful life, anticipated customers/users, assumed level of LEED or other sustainable design elements. Also include record of previous legislation and funding history, if applicable):

Project Name:	Project Location:	Start Date:	End Date:

**Spending Plan and Future Appropriations for Capital Projects** (Estimate cost of legislation over time; list timing of anticipated appropriation authority requests and expected spending plan. Please identify your cost estimate methodology including inflation assumptions and key assumptions related to the timing of appropriation requests and expected expenditures. In addition, include the projected costs of meeting the LEED Silver standard in all facilities and buildings with over 5,000 gross square feet of occupied space. Also, be sure to include percent for art and percent for design as appropriate):

Spending Plan and Budget	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Total
Spending Plan							
Current Year Appropriation							
Future Appropriations							

Key Assumptions:

**Funding source** (Identify funding sources including revenue generated from the project and the expected level of funding from each source):

Funding Source	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Total
<b>TOTAL</b>							



**Bond Financing Required** (If the project or program requires financing, please list type of financing, amount, interest rate, term and annual debt service or payment amount. Please include issuance costs of 3% in listed amount):

Type	Amount	Assumed Interest Rate	Term	Timing	Expected Annual Debt Service/Payment
<b>TOTAL</b>					

**Uses and Sources for Operation and Maintenance Costs for the Project** (Estimate cost of one-time startup, operating and maintaining the project over a six year period and identify each fund source available. Estimate the annual savings of implementing the LEED Silver standard. Identify key assumptions such as staffing required, assumed utility usage and rates and other potential drivers of the facility's cost):

O&M	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Total
<b>Uses</b>							
Start Up							
On-going							
<b>Sources (itemize)</b>							

Key Assumptions:

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**Periodic Major Maintenance costs for the project** (Estimate capital cost of performing periodic maintenance over life of facility. Please identify major work items, frequency):

Major Maintenance Item	Frequency	Cost	Likely Funding Source
<b>TOTAL</b>			

**Funding sources for replacement of project** (Identify possible and/or recommended method of financing the project replacement costs):

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City of Seattle, Clerk's Office

No.

**Affidavit of Publication**

The undersigned, on oath states that he is an authorized representative of The Daily Journal of Commerce, a daily newspaper, which newspaper is a legal newspaper of general circulation and it is now and has been for more than six months prior to the date of publication hereinafter referred to, published in the English language continuously as a daily newspaper in Seattle, King County, Washington, and it is now and during all of said time was printed in an office maintained at the aforesaid place of publication of this newspaper. The Daily Journal of Commerce was on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1941, approved as a legal newspaper by the Superior Court of King County.

The notice in the exact form annexed, was published in regular issues of The Daily Journal of Commerce, which was regularly distributed to its subscribers during the below stated period. The annexed notice, a

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was published on

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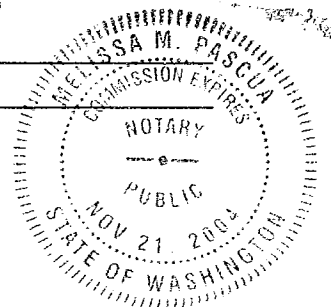
Subscribed and sworn to before me on

11/4/2002

Melissa M. Pasqua

Notary public for the State of Washington,  
residing in Seattle

Affidavit of Publication



# State of Washington, King County

amended, as follows:

## Article XX Charter Amendments

**Section 1. PROPOSED BY COUNCIL:**  
Any amendment or amendments to this Charter may be proposed in the City Council, and if the same be agreed to by a majority of all the members elected, such proposed amendment or amendments shall be entered upon the journal with the yeas and nays of the members voting thereon. Upon the passage of any such amendment or amendments, the same shall be submitted to electors of the City for their ratification at the next general state or municipal election, which shall be at least sixty days after the adoption of such proposed amendment in the council; and if at such election any such amendment shall be ratified by a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon, the same shall thereby become a part of this Charter, and within five days after such election shall be by the Mayor by proclamation published in the City official newspaper and proclaimed a part thereof. Provided, that if more than one amendment be submitted at the same general state or municipal election the same shall be submitted at such election in such manner that each proposed amendment may be voted on separately without prejudice to others; and provided further, that after the passage of such proposed amendments through the Council the same shall be published in accordance with state law by the City Clerk in two daily newspapers published in said City, for at least thirty days prior to the day of submitting the same to the electors for their approval.

**Section 2. PROPOSED BY VOTERS:**  
Whenever fifteen percent in number of the registered voters of the City voting at the last preceding election for the office of Mayor shall file with the City Council a petition for a specified Charter amendment, which shall be the duty of the City Council to submit said amendment to the voters of the City for their ratification or rejection at the next general municipal election occurring at least thirty days after the filing of such petition; such amendment shall be submitted in the manner provided by law for the submission of propositions to the voters of the City, provided that when such petition is filed with the City Council it shall be the duty of the City Clerk to examine and verify all signatures thereto from a comparison with the registration lists in his office and to report to the City Council his or her findings as to the number of valid signatures contained in such petition. The Council shall provide by ordinance a penalty for affixing to any such petition any false signature. If at the general municipal election at which an amendment is submitted, a majority of the lawful voters voting thereon shall by their vote ratify any amendment so submitted, the same shall thereby become a part of the Charter and within five days after such election it shall, by proclamation of the Mayor, which shall be published in the city official newspaper, be so proclaimed. Provided: That if more than one amendment be submitted at the same election such amendments shall be submitted in such manner that the electors may vote for or against each amendment separately, and provided further: That, after submission by the City Council, every such amendment shall be published by the City Clerk in two daily newspapers in the City for at least thirty days prior to such election and such notice shall be given at least ten days prior to such election as may be required by state law for the submission of propositions to the voters of the City for their ratification or rejection.

The Resolution placing this proposed charter amendment or, the ballot also provides as follows: "Should the voters approve both this proposition and the proposition being submitted at the same election to amend Article XX, Section 2, of the Seattle City Charter to modify the requirement for verification of signatures on citizen's initiatives and citizens' petitions to amend the Charter, then both the modifications made by that other proposition and the modifications made by this proposition shall be given effect."

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**CITY OF SEATTLE CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 3**

**Time Period for Transmitting Initiative Petition and Signatures**

**Ballot Title**  
The Seattle City Council has adopted Resolution 30516 concerning a proposed amendment to City Charter Article IV, Subsection 1B. This measure would modify the Charter provision to require the City Clerk to report to the City Council concerning the sufficiency of initiative petition signatures at a regular meeting not more than 20 days after the Clerk receives verification of the sufficiency of such petition signatures from the officer responsible under state law for such verification. The Charter currently requires the City Clerk to so report within 20 days after the filing of the signed petition.

Should the proposed City of Seattle Charter Amendment be: Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Rejected \_\_\_\_\_

**Proposed Amendment**  
Subject to the approval of a proposition by a majority of the qualified electors casting votes thereon, Article IV, Subsection 1B of the Charter of the City of Seattle is amended as follows:

**ARTICLE IV. Legislative Department.**  
**Section 1.\*\*\***

**B. INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM; HOW EXERCISED; PETITIONS; VERIFICATION OF SIGNATURES; COMPLETION OF PETITION, CONSIDERATION IN COUNCIL:** The first power

reserved by the people is the initiative. It may be exercised on petition of a number of registered voters equal to not less than ten (10) percent of the total number of votes cast for the office of Mayor at the last preceding municipal election, proposing and asking for the enactment as an ordinance of a bill or measure, the full text of which shall be included in the petition. Prior to circulation for signatures, such petition shall be filed with the City Clerk in the form prescribed by ordinance, and by such officer assigned a serial number, dated, and approved or rejected as to form, and the petitioner so notified within five (5) days after such filing. Signed petitions shall be filed with the City Clerk within one hundred eighty (180) days after the date of approval of the form of such petitions. Upon such filing, the City Clerk shall cause the verification of the sufficiency of the signatures to the petition, and transmit it, together with his or her report thereon to the City Council at a regular meeting not more than twenty (20) days after the City Clerk has received verification of the sufficiency of such petition (s) signatures from the officer responsible for verification of the sufficiency of signatures under state law, and such transmission shall be the introduction of the initiative bill or measure in the City Council. If the Clerk shall find any petition, which, upon filing, had a sufficient number of signatures, has (been) insufficiently verified signatures, he or she shall notify the principal petitioners, and an additional twenty (20) days shall be allowed them in which to complete such petition to the required percentage. Consideration of such initiative petition shall take precedence over all other business before the City Council, except appropriation bills and emergency measures.

The Resolution placing this proposed charter amendment on the ballot also provides as follows: "Should the voters approve both this proposition and the proposition being submitted at the same election to amend Article IV, Subsection 1B, of the Seattle City Charter to modify the requirements concerning verification of the sufficiency of initiative petitions signatures, then both the modifications made by that other proposition and the modifications made by this proposition shall be given effect."

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**CITY OF SEATTLE CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 4**

**Verifying Petition Signatures**

**Ballot Title**  
The Seattle City Council has adopted Resolution 30517 concerning proposed amendments to Seattle City Charter Articles IV and XX. This measure would change Charter provisions regarding the verification of the sufficiency of voter signatures on initiative petitions and City Charter amendment petitions to make those provisions consistent with state law. The Charter currently imposes verification duties on the City Clerk. State law, however, presently calls for verification of such signatures by the County Auditor.

Should the proposed City of Seattle Charter amendment be: Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Rejected \_\_\_\_\_

**Proposed Amendment:**  
Subject to the approval of a proposition by a majority of the qualified electors casting votes thereon, Article IV, Subsection 1B and Article XX, Section 2 of the Charter of the City of Seattle are each amended as follows:

**ARTICLE IV. Legislative Department.**  
**Section 1.\*\*\***

**B. INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM; HOW EXERCISED; PETITIONS; VERIFICATION OF SIGNATURES; COMPLETION OF PETITION, CONSIDERATION IN COUNCIL:**

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eighty (180) days after the date of approval of the form of such petitions. Upon such filing, the City Clerk shall (receive) receive the signed petition to the officer responsible for the verification of the sufficiency of the signatures to the petition under state law for such verification, and transmit it, together with his or her report thereon to the City Council at a regular meeting not more than twenty (20) days after the filing of such signed petition, and such transmission shall be the introduction of the initiative bill or measure to the City Council. If the officer responsible for verification of the sufficiency of signatures under state law notifies the City Clerk (that any petition, which, upon filing, had a sufficient number of signatures, has (been) insufficiently verified signatures, (he/she) the City Clerk shall notify the principal petitioners, and an additional twenty (20) days shall be allowed them in which to complete such petition to the required percentage. Consideration of such initiative petition shall take precedence over all other business before the City Council, except appropriation bills and emergency measures.

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**Section 2. PROPOSED BY VOTERS:**  
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The Resolution placing this proposed charter amendment on the ballot also provides as follows: "Should the voters approve both this proposition and the proposition being submitted at the same election to amend Article XX, Section 2, of the Seattle City Charter to modify the requirement for publication of notice of proposed charter changes, then both the modifications made by that other proposition and the modifications made by this proposition shall be given effect."

**AND**  
"Should the voters approve both this proposition and the proposition being submitted at the same election to amend Article IV, Subsection 1B, of the Seattle City Charter to modify the time period for transmitting initiative petitions and his or her (City Clerk) report thereon to the City Council, then both the modifications made by that other proposition and the modifications made by this proposition shall be given effect."

Publication Ordered By Judith E Pippin, City Clerk

Date of first publication in the Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce, September 30, 2002.

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## City of Seattle



### Notice of Election

Notice is hereby given that the following proposed Seattle City Charter Amendments will be submitted to qualified city electors at the general election on November 5, 2002. These charter amendments are placed on the ballot pursuant to resolutions adopted by the Seattle City Council.

The proposed amendments to the Seattle City Charter are as follows:

**CITY OF SEATTLE CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 1**  
**Publishing Ordinances**

**Ballot Title**  
The Seattle City Council has adopted Resolution 30514 concerning proposed amendments to Seattle City Charter Article IV, Subsection 13A. This measure would change the requirements for publishing notice of certain City ordinances. Notice of new ordinances would have to be published according to state law. State law presently calls for publication of the full text, or publication of a summary and mailing of the text upon request. The Charter currently requires full publication in the official newspaper of certain types of ordinances. The requirement of publication within three days after the ordinance becomes law would not change.

Should the proposed City of Seattle Charter amendment be: Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Rejected \_\_\_\_\_

**Proposed Amendment**  
Subject to the approval of a proposition by a majority of the qualified electors casting votes thereon, Article IV, Subsection 13A of the Charter of the City of Seattle is amended as follows:

**ARTICLE IV. Legislative Department.**  
**Section 15. A "RECORD AND PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

All ordinances and resolutions shall be deposited with the City Clerk, who shall record the same. Notice of all (all) ordinances of a general, public or permanent nature, and those imposing a fine, penalty or forfeiture, shall be published (in accordance with state law) in accordance with state law within three days after the same shall have become a law; Provided, that the publication of notice of all ordinances granting any franchise or private privilege or approving or vacating any plat shall be at the expense of the applicant therefor.

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**CITY OF SEATTLE CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 2**

**Publishing Charter Amendments**

**Ballot Title**  
The Seattle City Council has adopted Resolution 30515 concerning proposed amendments to Article XX of the Seattle City Charter. This measure would change the requirements for publishing notice of proposed Charter amendments. Whether proposed by the City Council or by the voters through petition, the full text of the proposed amendments would have to be published according to state law. State law presently calls for four weekly publications immediately prior to the election in the paper of largest circulation. The Charter currently requires publication in two daily newspapers for at least 30 days prior to the election.

Should the proposed City of Seattle Charter amendment be: Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Rejected \_\_\_\_\_

**Proposed Amendment**  
Subject to the approval of a proposition by a majority of the qualified electors casting votes thereon, Article XX, Sections 1 and 2 of the Charter of the City of Seattle is hereby

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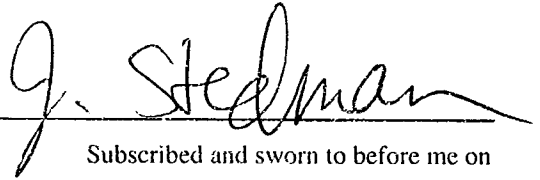
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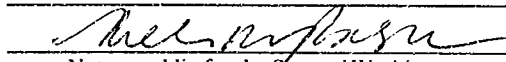
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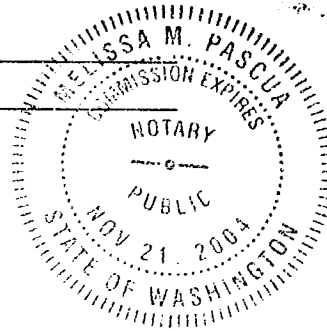


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Notary public for the State of Washington,  
residing in Seattle

Affidavit of Publication



State of Washington, King County

City of Seattle

RESOLUTION 30517

A RESOLUTION submitting a proposition to the qualified electors of the City, at the general election to be held on November 5, 1906, to amend Article IV, Subsection 1B, and Article XX, Section 2, of the Charter of the City of Seattle to modify the requirements concerning the verification of the sufficiency of initiative and charter amendment petition signatures to be consistent with state law, which currently provides that responsibility for verification of the sufficiency of such signatures rests with the County auditor, calling on the City Clerk to certify the proposed amendments to the Director of the Department of Records and Elections of King

County and directing such Director to submit the proposition to City voters; and providing, for the publication of such proposed amendments.

WHEREAS, Article IV, Subsection 1B of the Seattle City Charter requires the City Clerk to cause the verification of the sufficiency of the signatures contained on any citizens' initiative petition submitted; and

WHEREAS, Article XX, Section 2 of the Seattle City Charter requires the City Clerk to examine and verify signatures contained on any citizens' petition to amend the Seattle City Charter; and

WHEREAS, current Washington state law (RCW 35A.29, 170) provides that the responsibility for verification of signatures to determine the sufficiency of such citizens' petitions rests with the County and verification of petition signatures, and the timeline for such verification, is not within the control of the City; and

WHEREAS, Article XX, Section 2 contemplated that the City Clerk maintained voter registration lists, and state law has long since transferred this responsibility to the County Auditor; and

WHEREAS, the above Charter provisions purport to require something from the City that only the County can provide; and

WHEREAS, the City's inability to fulfill these provisions of the Charter, arguably may leave the City exposed to potential liability for things beyond the City's control; and

WHEREAS, while Washington state law regarding the verification of signatures may change from time to time, the City will comply with the state law in effect at any given time; and

WHEREAS, the language in the Seattle City Charter and in Washington state law pertaining to the verification of signatures on a citizens initiative voter-proposed petition to amend the Charter are inconsistent; and

WHEREAS, modifying the City Charter to comport with state law would create uniformity between these two bodies of law and greater legal clarity;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Subject to the approval of a proposition by a majority of the qualified electors casting votes thereon, Article IV, Subsection 1B and Article XX, Section 2 of the Charter of the City of Seattle are each amended as follows:

ARTICLE IV, Legislative Department Section 1. \*\*\*

B. INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM; HOW EXERCISED; PETITIONS; VERIFICATION OF SIGNATURES; COMPLETION OF PETITION, CONSIDERATION IN COUNCIL.

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**Section 2.** The King County Director of Records and Elections, as ex officio supervisor of elections, is hereby directed to submit to the qualified electors of the City the proposition set forth below at the City general election on November 5, 2002.

The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to certify the proposition to the King County Director of Records and Elections in the following form:

**CITY OF SEATTLE, CHARTER  
AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**Verifying Petition Signatures**

The Seattle City Council has adopted Resolution \_\_\_\_\_ concerning proposed amendments to Seattle City Charter Articles IV and XX. This measure would change Charter provisions regarding the verification of the sufficiency of voter signatures on initiative petitions and City Charter amendment petitions to make those provisions consistent with state law. The Charter currently imposes verification duties on the City Clerk. State law, however, presently calls for verification of such signatures by the County Auditor.

Should the proposed Charter amendments be

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Rejected \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 3.** The City Clerk shall certify to the Director of the Department of Records and Elections of King County as Supervisor of Elections the charter amendment proposed herein in the form of a ballot title conforming to the foregoing statement of the same, with any alterations the City Attorney shall deem appropriate in carrying out his duties pursuant to RCW 29.27.066, and shall certify a copy of the proposed Charter amendment, and the same shall be published by the City Clerk in two daily newspapers in the city for at least 180 days prior to such election, as required by the City Charter, and as required by RCW 35.22.170.

**Section 4.** Should the voters approve both this proposition and the proposition being submitted at the same election to amend Article XX, Section 2, of the Seattle City Charter to modify the requirement for publication of notice of proposed charter changes, then both the modifications made by that other proposition and the modifications made by this proposition shall be given effect.

**Section 5.** Should the voters approve both this proposition and the proposition being submitted at the same election to amend Article IV, Subsection 1B, of the Seattle City Charter to modify the time period for transmitting initiative petitions and his or her report thereon to the City Council, then both the modifications made by that other proposition and the modifications made by this proposition shall be given effect.

Adopted by the City Council the 3rd day of September, 2002, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 3rd day of September, 2002.

PETER STEINBRUECK,  
President of the City Council

Filed by me this 3rd day of September, 2002.

(Seal) JUDITH E. PIPPIN,  
City Clerk

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The undersigned, on oath states that he is an authorized representative of The Daily Journal of Commerce, a daily newspaper, which newspaper is a legal newspaper of general circulation and it is now and has been for more than six months prior to the date of publication hereinafter referred to, published in the English language continuously as a daily newspaper in Seattle, King County, Washington, and it is now and during all of said time was printed in an office maintained at the aforesaid place of publication of this newspaper. The Daily Journal of Commerce was on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1941, approved as a legal newspaper by the Superior Court of King County.

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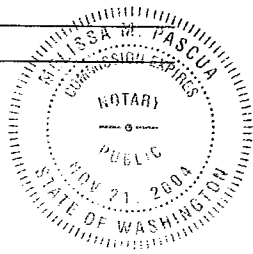
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*J. Sedman*  
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Subscribed and sworn to before me on

9/12/2002

*Melissa M. Pasqua*  
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Notary public for the State of Washington,  
residing in Seattle

Affidavit of Publication



State of Washington, King County

City of Seattle

RESOLUTION 80617

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PETER STEINBRUECK, President of the City Council.

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**Section 1.\*\*\***

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**Article XX Charter Amendments**

**Section 2. PROPOSED BY VOTERS:**

Whenever fifteen percent in number of the registered voters of the City voting at the last preceding election for the office of Mayor shall file with the City Council a petition for a specified Charter amendment, which shall be set forth in full in such petition, it shall be the duty of the City Council to submit said amendment to the voters of the City for their ratification or rejection at the next general municipal election occurring at least sixty days after the filing of such petition; such amendment shall be submitted in the manner provided by law for the submission of propositions to the voters of the City, provided: That when such petition is filed with the City Council it shall be the duty of the City Clerk to (insert) convey the signed petition to the officer responsible for verification of the sufficiency of signatures under state law, and to convey (insert) to the City Council (insert) any receipt received as to the number of valid signatures contained in such petition. The Council shall provide by ordinance a penalty for affixing to any such petition any false signature. If at the general municipal election at which such amendment is submitted, a majority of the lawful voters voting thereon shall by their vote ratify any amendment so submitted, the same shall thereby become a part of the Charter and within five days after such election it shall, by proclamation of the Mayor, which shall be published in the city official newspaper, be so proclaimed, provided: That if more than one amendment be petitioned for and submitted at the same election such amendments shall be submitted in such manner that the electors may vote for or against each amendment separately, and provided further: That, after submission by the City Council, every such amendment shall be published by the City Clerk in two daily newspapers in the City for at least thirty days prior to such election and such other notice shall be given for at least ten days prior to such election as may be required by law for the submission of propositions to the voters of the City for their ratification or rejection.

Section 2. The King County Director of Records and Elections, as ex officio supervisor of elections, is hereby directed to submit to the qualified electors of the City the proposition set forth below at the City general election on November 3, 2002.

The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to certify the proposition to the King County Director of Records and Elections in the following form:

**CITY OF SEATTLE CHARTER  
AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**Verifying Petition Signatures**

The Seattle City Council has adopted Resolution \_\_\_\_\_ concerning proposed amendments to Seattle City Charter Articles IV and XX. This measure would change Charter provisions regarding the verification of the sufficiency of voter signatures on initiative petitions and City Charter-amendment petitions to make these provisions consistent with state law. The Charter currently imposes verification duties on the City Clerk. State law, however, presently calls for verification of such signatures by the County Auditor.

Should the proposed Charter amendments be:

- Approved.....
- Rejected.....

Section 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the Director of the Department of Records and Elections of King County as Supervisor of Elections the charter amendment proposed herein in the form of a ballot title conforming to the foregoing statement of the same, with any alterations the City Attorney shall deem appropriate in carrying out his duties pursuant to RCW 29.27.096, and shall certify a copy of the proposed Charter amendment, and the same shall be published by the City Clerk in two daily newspapers in the city for at least 60 days prior to such election, as required by the City Charter, and as required by RCW 35.22.110.

Section 4. Should the voters approve both this proposition and the proposition being submitted at the same election to amend Article XX, Section 2, of the Seattle City Charter to modify the requirement for publication of notice of proposed charter changes, then both the modifications made by that other proposition and the modifications made by this proposition shall be given effect.

Section 5. Should the voters approve both this proposition and the proposition being submitted at the same election to amend Article

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