



# Seattle Approves

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## INITIATIVE \_\_\_\_

INITIATIVE PETITION FOR SUBMISSION TO THE SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL. To the City Council of The City of Seattle:

We, the undersigned registered voters of The City of Seattle, State of Washington, propose and ask for the enactment as an ordinance of the measure known as Initiative Measure No. \_\_\_\_ entitled:

(here set forth the established ballot title of the measure),

a full, true, and correct copy of which is included herein, and we petition the Council to enact said measure as an ordinance; and, if not enacted within forty-five (45) days from the time of receipt thereof by the City Council, then to be submitted to the qualified electors of The City of Seattle for approval or rejection at the next regular election or at a special election in accordance with Article IV, Section 1 of the City Charter; and each of us for himself or herself says: **I have personally signed this petition; I am a registered voter of The City of Seattle, State of Washington, and my residence address is correctly stated.**

**WARNING:** Ordinance 94289 provides as follows: Section 1. It is unlawful for any person: 1. To sign or decline to sign any petition for a City initiative, referendum, or Charter amendment, in exchange for any consideration or gratuity or promise thereof; or 2. To give or offer any consideration or gratuity to anyone to induce him or her to sign or not to sign a petition for a City initiative, referendum, or Charter amendment; or 3. To interfere with or attempt to interfere with the right of any voter to sign or not to sign a petition for a City initiative, referendum, or Charter amendment by threat, intimidation or any other corrupt means or practice; or 4. To sign a petition for a City initiative, referendum, or Charter amendment with any other than his or her true name, or to knowingly sign more than one (1) petition for the same initiative, referendum or Charter amendment measure, or to sign any such petition knowing that he or she is not a registered voter of The City of Seattle. Section 2. Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall upon conviction thereof be punishable by a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) or by imprisonment in the City Jail for a period not to exceed six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

PETITIONER'S SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	RESIDENCE ADDRESS (STREET AND NUMBER)	DATE SIGNED
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AN ACT relating to approval voting in city elections

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE:**

Section 1. A new Chapter 2.18 is added to Title 2 of the Seattle Municipal Code as follows:

**CHAPTER 2.18 APPROVAL VOTING IN CITY PRIMARY ELECTIONS**

**2.18.010. Findings**

The People find that a healthy and strong representative democracy depends on voting that allows the people to fully express their will. The City is empowered to provide for its own elections of officers consistent with general election laws, which includes the use of a primary election to winnow candidates to a final list of two for the general election based on the number of votes cast for each candidate. The People find that approval voting allows voters to select ANY candidates whom they support, allowing for the election of candidates with support from the most voters and reflecting a better representation of the voters' will. Approval voting will provide significant improvement in the city's electoral system while still assuring that the two candidates with the greatest number of votes advance from the primary election to the general election.

**2.18.020. Approval voting**

In the primary elections for the offices of Mayor, City Attorney, and members of the City Council, voters may select on the ballot as many candidates as they approve of for each office. In the primary election, the two candidates receiving the greatest total number of votes for each office shall advance to the general election consistent with state law.

**2.18.030. Ballot instructions**

For any election subject to this chapter, the City Clerk shall consult with the appropriate King County officials to ensure that the ballot includes appropriate instructions to voters to effectuate the purposes of this chapter, such as: "Vote for AS MANY as you approve of," with "AS MANY" being written in uppercase.

Section 2. The provisions of this ordinance are severable. If any provision of this ordinance is declared invalid, that invalidity shall not affect other provisions of the ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision.

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