

Proposed City Charter amendment- Councilmember Ryan Alter

The current Charter states that ordinances may be placed on the ballot for voter consideration exclusively by a citizen-initiated petition. This amendment would allow the City Council, with a super-majority vote, to also order an election to consider an ordinance.

PART __. If Proposition __ is approved by the majority of voters voting at the election, the City Charter is amended to read as follows:

Article IV. – INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM, AND RECALL

§ 11. - COUNCIL-PROPOSED ORDINANCE ELECTION

The council may order an election on an ordinance by the favorable votes of at least two-thirds of the council members. Such elections shall follow the form and results requirements outlined in section 5 of this article. The council shall order said council-proposed ordinance election to a vote of the qualified voters of the city at a regular or special election to be held on the next allowable election date authorized by state law. No ordinance on the same subject as a council-proposed ordinance which has been defeated at any election may be proposed or placed on the ballot by council within two years from the date of such election.