

1 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE FORM TO BE USED FOR  
2 REFERENDUM AND INITIATIVE PETITIONS

3 WHEREAS, the Home Rule Charter for King County provides  
4 that the Council shall establish by Ordinance the form to be used  
5 for Referendum and Initiative Petitions,

6 NOW, THEREFORE,

7 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE KING COUNTY COUNCIL:

8 Section 1: General Requirements

9 Persons proposing referendum and initiative measures  
10 may, after compliance with Sections 4, 5 and 6 of this Ordinance,  
11 prepare blank petitions and cause them to be printed upon single  
12 sheets of white paper of good quality, eight-and-one-half inches  
13 in width and thirteen inches in length, with a margin of one-and-  
14 three-quarters inches at the top for binding. Each petition shall  
15 consist of not more than five sheets with numbered lines for not  
16 more than twenty signatures on each sheet, with the prescribed  
17 title and form of petition on each sheet, and, if appropriate un-  
18 der Section 8 of this Ordinance, a full, true and correct copy of  
19 the proposed measure referred to therein printed on sheets of pa-  
20 per of like size and quality as the petition, firmly fastened to-  
21 gether.

22 Sec. 2: Filing a Proposed Measure with Clerk of Council

23 If any individual, or committee of individuals desires  
24 to petition the council to enact a proposed measure or to order  
25 that a referendum of any ordinance passed by the council be sub-  
26 mitted to the electorate, he shall file in the office of the Clerk  
27 of the Council five printed or typewritten copies of the measure  
28 proposed or on which a referendum is desired, accompanied by the  
29 name and post office address of the proposer.

30 Sec. 3: Time for filing Initiative Petitions

31 Initiative Petitions containing the required signatures  
32 of registered voters of the county as provided in Section 230.50

1 of the Charter, must be filed within sixty(60) days from the date  
2 of approval of such form by the clerk of the council. If petition-  
3 er fails to file such petition within the prescribed time limit, it  
4 shall have no validity and the petition will not be considered by  
5 the council as an initiative petition.

6 Sec. 4: Numbering - Transmittal to Department of  
7 Records and Elections

8 The Clerk of the Council shall assign a Serial Number  
9 to each initiative or referendum measure, using a separate series  
10 for each, and forthwith transmit one copy of the measure proposed,  
11 bearing its serial number, to the Department of Records and Elec-  
12 tions. Thereafter a measure shall be known and designated on all  
13 petitions, ballots and proceedings as "Initiative Measure No. \_\_\_\_"  
14 or "Referendum Measure No. \_\_\_\_".

15 Sec. 5: Ballot Title - Formulation by Department of  
16 Records and Elections

17 Within five(5) days after the receipt of an initiative  
18 or referendum measure the Department of Records and Elections shall  
19 formulate therefor and transmit to the Clerk of the Council a  
20 statement of not to exceed one hundred words, bearing the serial  
21 number of the measure. The statement may be distinct from the Pe-  
22 titioner's title of the measure, and shall express, and give a  
23 true and impartial statement of the purpose of the measure; it  
24 shall not be intentionally an argument, nor likely to create pre-  
25 judice, either for or against the measure. In addition to such  
26 statement, the Department of Records and Elections shall also pre-  
27 pare a caption, not to exceed five words in length, to permit the  
28 voters readily to identify the initiative or referendum measure  
29 and distinguish it from other questions on the ballot. This cap-  
30 tion and the statement together shall constitute the ballot title.  
31 The ballot title formulated by the Department of Records and Elec-  
32 tions shall be the ballot title of the measure.

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Sec. 6: Ballot title - Notice to proponents

Upon the filing of the ballot title for an initiative or referendum measure in that office, the Department of Records and Elections shall forthwith notify the persons proposing the measure, by mail, of the exact language thereof. Thereafter, such ballot title shall be the title of the measure in all proceedings in relation thereto.

Sec. 7: Petitions ordering that ordinances passed by

the Council be referred to the people at the special or general election as provided in Article 2, Section 230.40 of the Charter, shall be substantially in the following form:

WARNING

Every person who signs this petition with any other than his true name, or who knowingly signs more than one of these petitions, or who signs this petition when he is not a legal voter, or who makes herein any false statement, shall be punished as provided by law.

PETITION FOR REFERENDUM

To the Clerk of the King County Council, King County, Washington:

We, the undersigned citizens of King County, State of Washington and legal voters of the respective precincts set opposite our names, respectfully order and direct that Referendum Measure No. \_\_\_\_\_, entitled (here set forth the established ballot title of the measure) being an Ordinance passed by the King County Council on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, shall be referred to the people of the County for their approval or rejection; and each of us for himself says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a legal voter of King County, State of Washington in the precinct, city or town written after my name, and my residence address is correctly stated.

Petitioner's Signature	Residence address street and number, if any,	City or Town	Precinct name or number (if known)
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Sec. 8: Petitions to Council - form

Petitions for proposing measures for submission to the King County Council shall be substantially in the following form:

WARNING

Every person who signs this petition with any other than his true name, or who knowingly signs more than one of these petitions, or who signs this petition when he is not a legal voter, or who makes herein any false statement, shall be punished as provided by law.

INITIATIVE PETITION FOR SUBMISSION TO THE KING COUNTY COUNCIL

To the Clerk of the King County Council, King County, Washington:

We, the undersigned citizens of King County, State of Washington and legal voters of the respective precincts set opposite our names, respectfully direct that this petition and the proposed 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 hereto attached, and/or on file with the Clerk of the Council and available for public inspection, shall be transmitted to the King County Council, and we respectfully petition the Council to enact said measure into law; and, if not enacted within ninety days from the time of presentment, then to be placed on the ballot at the next regular or special election for approval by the voters of King County; and each of us for himself says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a legal voter of King County, State of Washington in the precinct, city or town written after my name and my residence address is correctly stated.

Petitioner's Signature	Residence address street and number, if any,	City or Town	Precinct name or number (if known)
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Sec. 9: Penalties

Every person who signs an initiative or referendum petition with any other than his true name, or who knowingly signs more than one petition for the same initiative or referendum measure, or who signs such petition knowing that he is not a legal

1 voter, or who makes a false statement as to his residence on any  
2 initiative or referendum petition, shall be guilty of a misdemea-  
3 or and shall be punished as provided by the laws of the State of  
4 Washington.

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6 INTRODUCED and read for the first time this 5<sup>th</sup> day  
7 of September, 19 69.

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9 PASSED by the Council at a regular meeting there of on  
10 the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 19 69.

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12 John T. O'Brien  
13 Chairman of the County Council  
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16 ATTEST:

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18 Ray Olson  
19 Clerk of the Council  
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21 APPROVED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1969

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24 ORDINANCE READINGS

25 1st. 9-5-69  
26 2nd. 9-22-69  
27 3rd. 9-22-69  
Effective Date .....

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30 [Signature]  
31 King County Executive  
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