

EMERGENCY

City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. _____
- 2021

TO SUBMIT to the electors of the City of Cincinnati an amendment to the Charter of the City of Cincinnati reducing the number of signatures required on nominating petitions for candidates for City Council and Mayor to not less than 50 nor more than 100.

WHEREAS, the members of Council desire to allow the electors of the City of Cincinnati to decide whether to amend the Charter of Cincinnati to reduce the number of signatures required on nominating petitions for candidates for City Council and Mayor to not less than 50 nor more than 100 from the current requirement of not less than 500 nor more than 1000; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio, two-thirds of the members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1. That there shall be submitted to the vote of the qualified electors of the City of Cincinnati for their approval or disapproval at the general election to be held November 2, 2021, an amendment to the Charter of the City of Cincinnati, amending Article IX, Section 2 thereof to read as follows:

Article IX. Nominations and Elections

Section 2.

Any person eligible to the office of member of the council or the office of mayor may be placed in nomination therefor only by a petition filed in such person's behalf with the election authorities and signed by not less than 50 nor more than 100 electors. Signatures to nominating petitions need not be appended to one paper but to each separate paper there shall be attached an affidavit of the circulator thereof stating that each signature thereto was made in the circulator's presence and is the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be. Each signer of a petition shall sign his or her name, address and date of signing in ink or indelible pencil.

An elector may sign petitions for no more than one candidate for mayor and for no more council candidates than the number to be elected at any election. If an elector signs petitions for more than one candidate for mayor or for more than the number of other candidates to be elected, the elector's signature shall be declared valid on petitions in the order of filing.

An eligible person who has accepted a nomination for mayor as provided in Article IX, Section 4 shall not be eligible for election to the office of member of council that year.

Section 2. That the form of the submission of the proposed amendment to the electors shall be substantially as follows:

<p>CHARTER AMENDMENT</p> <p>A majority vote is necessary for passage.</p>	
<p>YES</p>	<p>Shall the Charter of the City of Cincinnati be amended to provide that the number of signatures required on nominating petitions for candidates for City Council and Mayor be not less than 50 nor more than 100 by amending Article IX, Section 2 of the Cincinnati Charter?</p>
<p>NO</p>	

Section 3. That the Clerk of Council shall give notice of the proposed Charter Amendment in the manner provided by Sections 8 and 9 of Article XVIII of the Ohio Constitution and Section 731.211 (B) of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4. That the Clerk of Council is directed to certify and transmit to the Board of Elections of Hamilton County, Ohio, a copy of this ordinance and direct the said Board to submit the proposed Charter amendment to the electors of the City of Cincinnati as provided by law.

Section 5. That the Board of Elections of Hamilton County, Ohio, shall certify to the Council the result of the vote upon said amendment, and if said amendment is approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon, amended Article IX, Section 2 shall become a part of the Charter of the City of Cincinnati in place of such existing provisions thereof, which shall be repealed.

Section 6. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, go into effect forthwith. The reason for the emergency is the immediate necessity to authorize the Clerk of Council to certify and transmit this ordinance to the Board of Elections at least sixty days prior to the November 2, 2021 general election.

Passed _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk