

Initiative Process in a nutshell:

1. Chief petitioners must submit at least 100% of the required number of signatures before the city recorder can begin the verification process.
 - Collect signatures 15% of registered voters
 - 2-year deadline to submit signature sheets.
2. If petition contains the required number of signatures City Recorder presents petition to governing body at next meeting, but before State deadline (*August 7th to file qualified initiative*)
3. City Governing Body Choices:
 - a. **Adopt the initiative;** certify the measure to the county elections official to be placed on the ballot at the next election
 - b. **Reject the initiative;** certify the measure to the county elections official to be placed on the ballot at the next election
 - c. **Reject the initiative and refer;** competing measure

2024 Local Elections Calendar – INITIATIVE

August 7 – Last Day for City Recorder to file qualified initiative with governing body (*both signature verification AND meeting of Council must occur by this date*)

November 5 – Election Day

City Referral Process in a nutshell:

1. Council adopts resolution to place question on the ballot for the voters to decide.
2. Resolution is filed with elections official not later than 61st day prior to an election.
3. Council **may** prepare a ballot title for referral at same time as the resolution
 - If **do** prepare ballot title, submit form SEL 805 text for referral must be filed at same time.
 - If choose **not** to prepare ballot title, city attorneys prepares ballot title
4. City Attorney prepares ballot title
5. Publication of ballot title
6. Circuit Court Review of Ballot Title
7. City Recorder submits SEL 802 to County Clerks office
8. County assigns measure number

2024 Local Elections Calendar – REFERRAL

August 16 – Last Day for Council to file ballot title or referral text

September 5 – Last Day to file SEL 802 with County (*upon completion of ballot title challenge process*)

September 9 – Last Day to file arguments with County for voter’s pamphlet

November 5 – Election Day