

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL:**

**Chapter 7 (Elections) shall be amended as follows:**

**Sec. 7.04. Name on primary city ballot.** Not later than six (6) weeks nor more than eight (8) weeks before the city election, any person eligible may, by filing an affidavit and payment of fifty dollars (\$50.00) to the city clerk, have his or her name placed on the ~~primary~~ city election ballot. Each person desiring to have his or her name placed on the ~~primary~~-city ballot for councilmember shall state in the affidavit of candidacy the district for which he or she is a candidate.

~~**Sec. 7.05. Primary election.** A primary election shall be held on the first Tuesday after the second Monday in September preceding any municipal election day.~~

~~**Sec. 7.06. City election candidates.** If the law prescribes that the election of mayor and councilmember be by party designation, the candidate of each party receiving the highest number of votes in the primary election for the office of mayor or the office of councilmember in any district shall be declared the nominee of his party for the office at the next city election and the candidate's name shall be placed on the municipal election ballot, together with the name of any candidate for the office nominated by petition in accordance with the law.~~

~~If the law does not provide for election by party designation, the two (2) candidates for mayor receiving the highest number of votes in the primary election for the office and the two (2) candidates for the council in each district receiving the highest number of votes for council in that district shall be declared the nominees and the only nominees for the respective offices at the next city election. The mayor and councilmember(s) shall be elected by the method of Single Transferable Vote, sometimes known as Instant Runoff Voting. The City Council shall, by ordinance, establish the ballot format and rules for counting the votes.~~

**Sec. 7.08. Election procedure.** Except where in conflict with the provisions of this Charter, the conduct and procedure of all elections shall be governed by the applicable statutes, together with supplementary ordinances passed by the council.

**Sec. 7.09. Nonpartisan election.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all elections for the office of mayor or councilmember shall be held on a nonpartisan basis, with no party designation on the ballot for such offices.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR CIRCULATING THIS PETITION**

Circulators must be able to affirm their respective affidavits on the petition page. Especially, note the following:

1. If possible, print the proposed amendment (see accompanying document) and instructions page on the back of each petition page. Otherwise, **attach the proposed amendment page to the petition** (required by statute).
2. Each page must be circulated by **one circulator**.
3. Petitioners must sign in **ink** and in the presence of the circulator.
4. **Petitioners must be registered to vote** in Saint Paul and must give their street address where registered to vote. Post office boxes are not acceptable.
5. Before parting with petitioner, circulator should **check to see that all information has been filled in by the petitioner**. Phone, email, and endorsement check box are optional. Circulator should ask if the signer would like to voluntarily provide to further help the campaign.
6. **Each page must be signed by the circulator, witnessed by a notary public**. Notaries public can be found at many financial institutions, legal and accounting offices. If you have trouble finding a notary public, contact the campaign at (651) 646-2925.
7. **Return notarized petitions by August 1, 2007 to Better Ballot Campaign**, 1045 Van Slyke Avenue, Saint Paul MN 55103.

Proposing a question on the ballot to amend the Charter of the City of Saint Paul for the purpose of adopting Single Transferable Vote/Instant Runoff Voting for city elections.

This measure is sponsored by the following committee of electors:

1. Jay Benanav, 1898 Ashland Ave, St Paul, MN 55104

3. Sandy Pappas, 182 Prospect Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55107

5. Elizabeth Dickinson, 384 Hall Ave., St. Paul, MN 55107

2. Carlos Mariani, 187 Congress St E, St Paul, MN 55107

4. Ellen Anderson, 905 Lakeview Ave, St Paul, MN 55117

**We, the undersigned, registered voters of the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota, understanding the terms and nature of this proposal to amend the Charter of the City of Saint Paul hereby petition for its submission to the voters for their approval at the appropriate election, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 410.**

**I affirm that I know the contents and purpose of this petition and that I signed this petition only once and of my free will.**

Each petitioner shall sign his or her name in **ink** and shall indicate his or her place of residence by **street name** and **number**, along with **city** and **county**.

All information must be filled in by person(s) signing the petition unless disability prevents the person(s) from doing so.

1)	Last Name (printed)	First Name	Middle Name	Birthdate	Signature	Date
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Address (where registered to vote)		City & County	Zip Code (optional)	Email Address (optional)	Phone Number (optional)	<input type="checkbox"/>

2)	Last Name (printed)	First Name	Middle Name	Birthdate	Signature	Date
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Address (where registered to vote)		City & County	Zip Code (optional)	Email Address (optional)	Phone Number (optional)	<input type="checkbox"/>

3)	Last Name (printed)	First Name	Middle Name	Birthdate	Signature	Date
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Address (where registered to vote)		City & County	Zip Code (optional)	Email Address (optional)	Phone Number (optional)	<input type="checkbox"/>

4)	Last Name (printed)	First Name	Middle Name	Birthdate	Signature	Date
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Address (where registered to vote)		City & County	Zip Code (optional)	Email Address (optional)	Phone Number (optional)	<input type="checkbox"/>

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State of Minnesota  
County of Ramsey } ss. All information on this petition is subject to public inspection.

\_\_\_\_\_ being duly sworn, deposes and says that the affiant, and the affiant only, personally circulated the foregoing paper, that all the signatures appended thereto were made in the affiant's presence, and that the affiant believes them to be the genuine signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be,

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature of Circulator) Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number of Circulator \_\_\_\_\_ Notary Public (or other officer) authorized to administer oaths

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R You may publish my name as a supporter