

CHARTER
OF THE CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY
OKLAHOMA

Article IX. Section 10. - Initiative and Referendum Vitalized.

Section 4-a, Section 4-b, Section 4-c, Section 4-d, and Section 4-e of Article XVIII of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma, under the title, "Initiative and Referendum," are hereby adopted and made in full force and effect as if copied word for word in the body of this Charter, and Title 34, Oklahoma Statutes, 1951, "Initiative and Referendum," and all sections thereof, are hereby adopted in full force and effect as if copied word for word in the body of this Charter; and repeal thereof shall not constitute an amendment to or removal from this Charter.

Oklahoma Constitution

Article 18 - Municipal Corporations

Initiative and Referendum

§ 4(a). Reservation of powers.

The powers of the initiative and referendum, reserved by this Constitution to the people of the State and the respective counties and districts therein, are hereby reserved to the people of every municipal corporation now existing or which shall hereafter be created within this State, with reference to all legislative authority which it may exercise, and amendments to charters for its own government in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.

§ 4(b). Petition - Signatures - Filing.

Every petition for either the initiative or referendum in the government of a municipal corporation shall be signed by a number of qualified electors residing within the territorial limits of such municipal corporation, equal to twenty-five per centum of the total number of votes cast at the next preceding election, and every such petition shall be filed with the chief executive officer of such municipal corporation.

§ 4(c). Presentation of petition to legislative body - Submission to voters.

When such petition demands the enactment of an ordinance or other legal act other than the grant, extension, or renewal of a franchise, the chief executive officer shall present the same to the legislative body of such corporation at its next meeting, and unless the said petition shall be granted more than thirty days before the next election at which any city officers are to be elected, the chief executive officer shall submit the said ordinance or act so petitioned for, to the qualified electors at said election; and if a majority of said electors voting thereon shall vote for the same, it shall thereupon become in full force and effect.

§ 4(d). Submission to referendum vote.

When such petition demands a referendum vote upon any ordinance or any other legal act other than the grant, extension, or renewal of a franchise, the chief executive officer shall submit said ordinance or act to the qualified electors of said corporation at the next succeeding general municipal election, and if, at said election, a majority of the electors voting thereon shall not vote for the same, it shall thereupon stand repealed.

§ 4(e). Submission of amendment to charter.

When such petition demands an amendment to a charter, the chief executive officer shall submit such amendment to the qualified electors of said municipal corporation at the next election of any officers of said corporation and if, at said election, a majority of said electors voting thereon shall vote for such amendment, the same shall thereupon become an amendment to and a part of said charter, when approved by the Governor and filed in the same manner and form as an original charter is required by the provisions of this article to be approved and filed.