



## INITIATIVE PETITION INFORMATION

Charter Amendments can be submitted to voters by ordinance of the Council, by report of a Charter Commission created by ordinance, or by electors utilizing the initiative process.

Initiative applications, petitions, and all associated documentation related to the legislation of the City of Mesa should be filed with the Mesa City Clerk. The City Clerk's office will assign a petition serial number to initiative application and provide all associated documents. Please contact the City Clerk to schedule a time to review all materials.

### Petition Signature Requirements

The number of signatures required for initiative petitions is based on the total votes cast for Mayor at the last election. The Mayor was last elected at the Primary Election on August 30, 2016:

53,273 ballots cast for Mayor X 15% = **7,991** signatures. (Arizona Constitution Article IV, Section 1(8); Arizona Revised Statutes 19-143; Mesa City Charter Sections 801(A) and 903.)

### Petition Filing Deadline

Petitions must be filed in accordance with the Arizona Constitution, Arizona Revised Statutes, the Mesa City Charter and the Mesa City Code, not less than four months preceding the election at which the measure is proposed to be voted on.

*While the Arizona Constitution references an applicable deadline for the Initiative, we recommend that the Initiative, petitions and corresponding documentation be filed earlier to ensure timely processing. It is recommended that petitions be submitted by **April 21, 2020** to ensure processing by the City Clerk and the Maricopa County Recorder in order for the issue to appear on the **November 3, 2020** ballot.*

### 2020 Election Dates

August 25, 2020 Primary  
November 3, 2020 General

If you need additional information on the Initiative process, please contact the Mesa City Clerk's office at 480-644-2099.

*This packet is provided for informational purposes only and should not be construed as legal advice. Under Arizona law, the applicant for an initiative petition serial number bears ultimate and sole responsibility for complying with all legal requirements relating to the initiative process. Accordingly, in addition to reading all the information contained in this packet, you are encouraged to carefully read all applicable state statutes to ensure your compliance with Arizona law and to seek private legal counsel for advice regarding compliance with Arizona law and the legal meaning or interpretation of any of the materials contained herein or any other legal matter bearing upon the petition process. The City Clerk and City employees may not render legal advice and you cannot rely upon the information or forms provided in this packet for your responsibility to comply with Arizona law.*

## **Contents**

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- [Mesa City Code](#)
- [Secretary of State Initiatives and Referenda Handbook \(2018\)](#)