

2005 Charter Amendment Proposal Calendar

Meeting Schedule

These regularly scheduled meeting dates do not preclude the Charter Commission, Intergovernmental Relations Committee or City Council from scheduling special meetings.

Calendar for a proposed Charter amendment initiated by a Citizen Petition	
May 10, 2005	Earliest date a petition may be submitted to place a question on the November General Election ballot. Petitions submitted prior will require a special election be conducted. <i>(M.S.410.10 Subd.1)</i>
July 6, 2005	<i>Regularly scheduled</i> Charter Commission meeting to recommend Charter changes for referral to the Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) Committee
July 19 and August 2, 2005	<i>Regularly scheduled</i> Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) Committee meetings to approve ballot language before statutory deadline to propose charter amendments
August 5, 2005	<i>Regularly scheduled</i> City Council meeting to approve ballot language before statutory deadline to propose charter amendments
Aug. 16, 2005	State law prohibits any Charter proposal from being submitted for the November General Election ballot after this date <i>(M.S.410.12 Subd.1- 12 weeks prior to the general election)</i>
September 16, 2005	Written notice to County Auditor of ballot language <i>(M.S.205.16 subd. - 53 days prior to election)</i>
Nov. 8, 2005	General Election

Requirement for number of signatures on a Citizen Petition *(M.S.410.12 Subd.1)*

At least 10,084 Minneapolis registered voter signatures are required to submit a citizen petition. This number is determined by State Law, which requires signatures from at least 5 percent of total votes cast at the previous State General Election. At the last State General Election held November 2, 2004, the number of Minneapolis residents who voted was 201,672.

Verification for a Citizen Petition *(M.S.410.12 Subd.3)*

- The Minneapolis Elections and Voter Registration Office has ten (10) days to verify initial submission of signatures.
- Petitioners have ten (10) more days to obtain additional signatures if needed.
- The Minneapolis Elections and Voter Registration Office has five (5) additional days to verify additional signatures.