

AFFIDAVIT FOR CIRCULATORS WHO ARE NOT REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON FOR INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM, AND RECALL PETITIONS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VII-A, VII-B OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON CHARTER

1. The City of Houston Charter (the "City Charter") authorizes direct legislation by the public through the initiative and referendum petition process. The City Charter also authorizes the removal from office of any holder of public office in the City by recall petition.
2. Currently, Articles VII-a and VII-b of the City Charter require that each signature on an initiative, referendum, and recall petition must be acknowledged (notarized) as required by Article IX, Section 3 of the City Charter, or verified with the following affidavit by a circulator of the petition:

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF HARRIS §

I, _____, being first duly sworn on oath depose and say: that I am one of the signers of the above petition, that the statements made therein are true, and that each signature appearing thereto was made in my presence on the day and date it purports to have been made, and I solemnly swear that the same is a genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this ____ day of _____, 2____.

/s/ _____
Notary Public, State of Texas

3. The affidavit above requires that a circulator be a signer of the petition, which requires the circulator to be registered to vote in the City of Houston.
4. Pursuant to Section 2-3.1 of the City's Code of Ordinances, the City will accept petitions circulated by individuals that are not registered voters of the City, provided the circulators complete the City's alternate affidavit form. **In lieu of the affidavit provided in Article VII-a, section 3 of the City Charter, circulators who are not registered to vote in the City must use the "Affidavit for Circulators Who Are Not Registered Voters of the City of Houston" on Page 2 of this document.**
5. Affix affidavit (by paper clip, binder clip, rubber band, etc.) to the corresponding petition pages that have been circulated by the circulator at issue. All signatures on the petition pages must be dated on or prior to the date of the circulator's signature on the affidavit.
6. **PLEASE NOTE:** The other requirements for initiative, referendum, and recall petitions under the City Charter and state law have not changed. Please review Article VII-a and VII-b of the City Charter and Chapter 277 of the Texas Election Code carefully.

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I, _____, being first duly sworn on oath depose and say:

I am a circulator who is not registered to vote in the City of Houston. I hereby subject myself to the jurisdiction of the Courts of Texas in connection with any allegation of fraud or misrepresentation associated with the circulation of any initiative, referendum, or recall petition or the collection of signatures for any initiative, referendum, or recall petition circulated in the City of Houston by me. I am a citizen of the United States or a documented permanent resident; I have never been convicted of the crimes of fraud or misrepresentation; I agree to submit myself to the jurisdiction of the Harris County courts and waive any challenge to venue and personal jurisdiction in connection with the matters encompassed by this affidavit. Should the need for me to personally appear in Houston arise, I agree to make myself available in person in Houston, at my own expense, within 72 hours of a request by the City of Houston concerning matters encompassed by this affidavit. I further depose and say that each signature appearing on this petition was made in my presence on the day and date it purports to have been made, and I solemnly swear that the same is a genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me this ____ day of _____, _____.

Month

Year

/s/ _____

Notary Public, State of Texas