

VOTER SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

MAYOR/COUNCIL ELECTIONS

- Need petitions signatures equal to at least 5% and not more than 10% of the total votes cast for Mayor in the last preceding election at which a mayor was elected.

Last Election with Mayor Elected – March 2008

Total Votes Cast – 15,783

5% = 789

10% = 1,578

- In addition to nominating petitions, candidates must also file:
 - A Nomination Paper
 - A Political Committee Statement of Organization or a \$500 Threshold Exception
 - A Financial Disclosure Statement
- Packets for anyone wishing to run for Mayor/Council in **March 2010** will be **available in the fall of 2009**, once new forms have been provided by the Secretary of State's Office.

INITIATIVE - a measure proposed by the citizens

- To qualify an initiative for the ballots, must get signatures representing 15% of the total number of registered voters in Tempe at the time of the last preceding general municipal election.

Last General Municipal Election – May 2008

Total Registered Voters – 69,698

15% = 10,455

See: City Code – Section 8.01; Arizona Constitution, Article 4, part 1, section 1(8) City of Flagstaff v. Richard K. Mangum, 164 Ariz. 395, 793 P2d 548

Arizona Supreme Court holds that the basis for calculation of signatures may be specified by local ordinance or charter provisions.

REFERENDUM - for charter amendments referred to ballot by Council, or to override an official action approved by Council

- To qualify a referendum for the ballot, must get signatures representing 10% of all ballots cast at the last preceding general municipal election at which a Mayor or Councilmember was elected.

Last General Municipal Election – May 2008

Total Ballots Cast – 15,710

10% = 1571

RECALL

- Mayor: Signatures of 25% of total votes cast in last election of Mayor

Last Election of Mayor – March 2008

Total Votes Cast – 15,783

25% = 3946

- Council: Add total votes cast for all candidates at last council election; divide by number of council seats filled at that election; then take 25% of that total.

Last Council Election – May 2008

Total Votes Cast for Council – 28,498

Hutson 6478

Jakubek 6859

Navarro 7742

Woods 7419

Council Seats Filled – 2 (28,498 divided by 2 = 14,249)

25% = 3,562