

# PETITION FOR DIRECT LEGISLATION

I, the undersigned, a qualified elector of the (city or village) of \_\_\_\_\_, request that the attached proposed (ordinance or resolution), without alteration, either be adopted by the (common council or village board) or referred to a vote of the electors pursuant to the provisions of §.9.20, Wis. Stats.

<b>POST OFFICE ADDRESS WHEN DIFFERENT THAN MUNICIPALITY IS NOT SUFFICIENT. THE NAME OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF RESIDENCE MUST ALWAYS BE LISTED.</b>				
SIGNATURES OF ELECTORS	PRINTED NAME OF ELECTORS	STREET & NUMBER OR RURAL ROUTE <small>Rural address must also include box or fire no.</small>	MUNICIPALITY OF RESIDENCE <small>Indicate City or Village</small>	DATE OF SIGNING
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### Certification of Circulator

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify: I reside at \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of circulator) . (Circulator's residence - **Include number, street, and municipality**)

I further certify I am either a qualified elector of Wisconsin, or a U.S. citizen, age 18 or older who, if I were a resident of this state, would not be disqualified from voting under Wis. Stat. § 6.03. I personally circulated this petition for direct legislation and personally obtained each of the signatures on this petition. I know that the signers are electors of the municipality listed above. I know that each person signed the paper with full knowledge of its content on the date indicated opposite his or her name. I know their respective residences given. I intend to support this petition. I am aware that falsifying this certification is punishable under §.12.13(3)(a), Wis. Stats.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of circulator)

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING PETITION FOR DIRECT LEGISLATION

This is a sample petition for direct legislation. It conforms to the statutory requirements for petitions. All information concerning the ordinance or resolution must be completed in full before circulating this form to obtain signatures of electors. The complete ordinance or resolution must be attached to each petition sheet. All information concerning the signing electors and the circulator must be completed in full before filing with the appropriate filing officer. This form may be reproduced in any way. The Wisconsin Elections Commission has determined that no disclaimer or other attribution statement is required on this form.

**Name of Municipality** - Insert the name of the city or village.

**Signatures and Printed Names of Electors** - Only qualified electors of the municipality may sign the petition. Each signer must also legibly print their name. Each elector's municipality of residence must be listed on the petition along with the post office address, including any street name or number, rural route, box or fire number. The circulator may add any missing or illegible address information before the papers are filed with the filing officer. The address listed for each signing elector must clearly identify where the elector's voting residence is located. A post office box number alone does not show where the elector actually resides.

**Signature of Circulator** - The circulator should carefully read the language of the *Certification of Circulator*. The circulator must personally present the petition to each signer. **PETITIONS MAY NOT BE LEFT UNATTENDED ON COUNTERS OR POSTED ON BULLETIN BOARDS.** The circulator's complete address (**including municipality of residence**) must be listed in the certification. After obtaining signatures of electors, the circulator must sign and date the certification.

**Other Instructions** - Circulators should review Wisconsin Elections Commission 2.09, 2.11, Wis. Adm. Code.

- Petitions for Direct Legislation must be in the physical custody of the appropriate filing officer by the filing deadline. The required number of signatures must be obtained within a 60-day period. A postmark on the filing deadline is **NOT** sufficient. Petitions **CANNOT** be faxed to the filing officer.
- If a circulator has any questions, he or she should contact the filing officer.