

CHAPTER 8 – ELECTIONS

Sec. 8-13. Elections; ballot format.

(a) Proposed charter amendments shall be numbered consecutively beginning with the number 100, proposed initiative measures shall be numbered consecutively beginning with the number 200 and measures submitted under the referendum shall be numbered beginning with the number 300. All items shall be placed on the ballot in numerical order, unless the election is held in conjunction with a statewide election. In such event the numbering requirements provided by state law shall apply.

(b) The City Clerk shall print the official title, the descriptive title and the number of each measure to be placed on the ballot. A proposed charter amendment shall be designated "proposed charter amendment" and shall indicate whether it was proposed by the initiative or by the council. A proposed initiative measure shall be designated "proposed initiative measure proposed by initiative petition" and a matter submitted under the referendum shall be designated "matter referred to the people" and shall indicate whether it was referred by the council or by order of the people by petition.

(c) There shall be printed on the official ballot immediately below the number of the measure and the official title of each measure a descriptive title containing a summary of the principal provisions of the measure, not to exceed fifty (50) words, which shall be prepared by the City Clerk and approved by the City Attorney. Immediately following the descriptive title of each measure there shall be printed the phrases:

A "yes" vote shall have the effect of_____.

A "no" vote shall have the effect of_____.

The blank spaces shall be filled with a brief phrase prepared by the city clerk and approved by the city attorney stating the essential change in the existing law should the measure receive a majority of the votes cast.

(Ord. No. 91-02, 1/8/91)

(Ord. No. 99-109, 12/14/99, Amended)