

Sec. 30. - Filing of petition permitted.

If, within fifteen days after the final passage of a measure by the council or the city clerk's certification of a new ordinance per Sec. 27, a petition signed by electors of the city equal in number to at least ten per centum of those who voted at the last preceding regular city election be filed with the city clerk requesting that such measure, or any part thereof, be either repealed or submitted to a vote of the electors, it shall not, unless it be an emergency measure, become operative until the steps indicated herein have been taken. Such petition shall be known as a referendum petition.

Sec. 31. - Submittal of petition to council and electors.

If a referendum petition, or amended petition, be found sufficient by the city clerk, he shall certify that fact to the council at its next regular meeting. Upon receipt of the clerk's certificate the council shall proceed to reconsider the measure, or part thereof, and its final vote upon such reconsideration shall be upon the question, "Shall the measure, or part of the measure, as specified in the referendum petition be repealed?" If upon such reconsideration the measure, or part thereof, be not repealed, it shall be submitted to the electors at the next municipal election held not less than thirty days after such final vote by the council. The council by five-sevenths vote of its members may submit the measure to the electors at a special election to be held not sooner than the time aforesaid. If, when submitted to the electors, any such measure, or part thereof, be not approved by a majority of those voting thereon it shall be deemed repealed.