

Petition for Referendum to Amend the Municipal Charter of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida

Florida Statute §104.185 "A person who knowingly signs a petition or petitions for a candidate, minor political party, or an issue more than one time commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in §775.082 or §775.083".

SECTION 1

I am a registered voter in the City of St. Petersburg, Pinellas County, Florida and I hereby petition the St. Petersburg City Council to place the following referendum question on the ballot in the next special or general election (Florida Statute §166.031).

BALLOT TITLE: REFERENDUM APPROVAL TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL CHARTER TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROTECTION FOR CITY WATERFRONT PROPERTY

BALLOT QUESTION: Shall the City of St. Petersburg, Florida amend its Municipal Charter to provide additional protection for the City's waterfront property?

___ YES ___ NO

SECTION 2

Proposed additions to the Charter are underlined and the deletions are ~~struckthrough~~:

Sec. 1.02 Park and Waterfront Property: use, disposition, demolition and construction upon.

(a) **Purpose.** The purpose of this section is to protect City-owned park and waterfront property. Except as provided herein, no waterfront or park property owned by the City may be sold, donated, ~~or leased,~~ demolished or constructed upon without specific authorization by a majority vote in a City-wide referendum.

(b) **Definitions.**

(1) **City Park and Waterfront Map.** The City Charter Park and Waterfront Map on file with the City Clerk approved by Ordinance No. 780-F is specifically adopted and incorporated herein by reference. The Waterfront Map as amended by this Charter Amendment changes a portion of G Pier Parking, a commercial area with 10 year lease limitation, to waterfront park property to be known as #102 Pelican Park. This newly designated waterfront park shall begin at the eastern seawall on the southern side of 2nd Ave. NE, and extends West to the municipal marina parking area abutting the Central Yacht Basin. This newly designated park specifically excludes the Municipal Marina Parking area on the south side of 2nd Avenue NE, abutting the Central Yacht Basin westward to and including the restaurant on the corner of Bayshore Drive and 2nd Ave NE.

(5) **Demolished.** Demolished shall mean the demolition without replacement of real property improvements. Demolition shall not refer to maintenance and replacement of existing bathrooms, pools, attached play equipment, lights, benches, tables, shade structures, trash receptacles, tennis courts, bicycle racks, playing fields and landscaping. However, the demolition of any Pier Building (with or without a proposed replacement building) and demolition of Al Lang Field Stadium, fields and parking areas (with or without a proposed replacement of fields and structures) shall require referendum approval as described in the Charter.

(6) **Constructed upon.** Constructed upon shall mean the addition of new improvements attached to the City's park and waterfront real property or placed on the City's park and waterfront property for longer than 30 days, except for referendum-approved improvements which require the use of city park or waterfront property for staging of materials during construction of any specific approved improvement(s).

(c) (2) **Sale, Lease, Demolition and Construction upon.** A lease of three (3) years or less of residentially zoned waterfront or park property, a lease of five years or less of commercially zoned waterfront or park property, a lease not exceeding the lease terms permitted for the waterfront or park properties listed in Section 1.02 (c) (4) or a lease not exceeding the lease terms permitted by the City Park and Waterfront map requires approval by the affirmative vote of at least six (6) members of City Council. With the exception of those encumbrances permitted by Section 1.02 (c) (5) of this Charter, a lease of waterfront or park property of greater than these respective time periods, which also includes any and all options extending the leases, ~~or a sale, demolition without replacement and construction upon park and waterfront property~~ requires approval by the referendum procedure contained in Section 1.02 (d). Approval authority for leases not requiring a referendum and having a term of one (1) year or less may be delegated by City Council to the Mayor or the Mayor's designee by the affirmative vote of at least five members of Council.

(d) **Referendum procedure.** Where a referendum procedure is called for in this section, it shall be conducted in the following manner. An ordinance shall be prepared approving the sale ~~or~~, lease, ~~demolition or construction upon~~ the property subject to a vote of the electors. Except for property outside the City limits, the City shall, thirty-five (35) days prior to the first reading of the ordinance, mail or deliver notice to all owners and residents of property located within two hundred (200) yards from the perimeter of the parcel in which the real estate to be sold, ~~or~~ leased, ~~or to be constructed upon~~ is located. Parcel, as used herein, shall be defined as the individually listed parcel of real estate numbered 1 through 404 ~~102~~ and "a" through "g" ~~"f"~~ on the City Park and Waterfront Map. Properties acquired after September 20, 1984 shall have their parcel boundaries delineated by City Council by ordinance. The definition of owners and residents shall be established by ordinance of City Council. Following final City Council approval of the referendum ordinance, the question of the sale, ~~or~~ lease, ~~demolition or construction upon~~ shall be submitted to the voters and it shall become effective only if it is approved by a majority of the vote at a City-wide referendum.

SECTION 3

PLEASE READ, COMPLETE, SIGN AND DATE THIS PETITION BELOW WHERE INDICATED WITH A DARK BLUE OR BLACK INK PEN – AND RETURN TO US TODAY VIA US POSTAL SERVICE MAIL (EMAILED PETITIONS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED) OR INSERT INTO ONE OF OUR MANY PETITION DROP BOXES LOCATED AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS ACROSS THE CITY.

MUST BE A COMPLETED SIGNED & DATED ORIGINAL PETITION AND NOT A COPY IN ORDER TO BE ACCEPTED BY THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS.

If You Should Have Any Questions – Please Visit Our Website: www.voteonthepier.com

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IMPORTANT DISCLOSURE

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Please Enter All Required Information Below – Which Must Be The Same As On File With Supervisor Of Elections:

My Name Is: _____ (Please PRINT Name - As Shown On Voter ID Card)

My Street Address Is: _____, St. Petersburg, Florida _____ (Zip Code)

My Voter Registration Number Is: _____ OR Date Of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____
Month Day Year

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Signature – As On File With Supervisor Of Elections

Today's Date: _____ / _____ / _____
Month Day Year

Thank You For Taking Part In This Very Important Petition For Referendum Regarding The Long Term Future Of YOUR Downtown Waterfront!