

**AFFIDAVIT FOR CIRCULATORS WHO ARE NOT REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE CITY OF HOUSTON OR ARE NOT RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON FOR INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM, AND RECALL PETITIONS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VII-A AND VII-B OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON CHARTER**

1. The City of Houston Charter (the “City Charter”) authorizes direct legislation by the public through the initiative and referendum petition process. The City Charter also authorizes the removal from office of any holder of public office in the City by recall petition.
2. Currently, Articles VII-a and VII-b of the City Charter require that each signature on an initiative, referendum, and recall petition must be acknowledged (notarized) as required by Article IX, Section 3 of the City Charter, or verified with the following affidavit by a circulator of the petition:

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn on oath depose and say: that I am one of the signers of the above petition, that the statements made therein are true, and that each signature appearing thereto was made in my presence on the day and date it purports to have been made, and I solemnly swear that the same is a genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be.

\_\_\_\_\_ Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2\_\_\_\_.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public, State of Texas

3. The affidavit above requires that a circulator be a signer of the petition, which requires the circulator to be registered to vote in the City of Houston and a resident of the City of Houston.
4. Pursuant to Section 2-3.1 of the City’s Code of Ordinances, the City will accept petitions circulated by individuals who are not registered voters in the City or are not residents of the City, provided the circulators complete the City’s alternate affidavit form. **In lieu of the affidavit provided in Article VII-a, section 3 of the City Charter, a circulator who (a) is not registered to vote in the City or (b) is not a resident of the City must use the “Affidavit for Circulators Who Are Not Registered Voters in the City of Houston or Are Not Residents of the City of Houston” on Page 2 of this document.**
5. Affix affidavit (by paper clip, binder clip, rubber band, etc.) to the corresponding petition pages that have been circulated by the circulator at issue. All signatures on the petition pages must be dated on or prior to the date of the circulator’s signature on the affidavit.
6. **PLEASE NOTE:** The other requirements for initiative, referendum, and recall petitions under the City Charter and state law have not changed. Please review Article VII-a and VII-b of the City Charter and Chapter 277 of the Texas Election Code carefully.

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn on oath depose and say:

I am 18 years of age or older, of sound mind, and capable of making this affidavit. The facts stated in this affidavit are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct. I am a circulator who: (a) is not registered to vote in the City of Houston or (b) is not a resident of the City of Houston. I agree to submit myself to the jurisdiction of the courts in Harris County, Texas and waive any challenge to venue and personal jurisdiction in connection with the matters encompassed by this affidavit. I further depose and say that each signature appearing on this petition was made in my presence on the day and date it purports to have been made, and I solemnly swear that the same is a genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ (Month), \_\_\_\_\_ (Year).

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public, State of Texas