

Sec. 13.9. - Nominating petitions.

Persons desiring to qualify as candidates for any elective office under this charter shall file a petition therefor with the clerk signed by not less than 100, nor more than 150, registered electors of the city not later than 4:00 p.m. on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in August of every odd-numbered year. The city clerk shall prepare, and keep on hand, blank forms of nominating petitions according to state law. At least one week before, and not more than three weeks before, the last day for filing nomination petitions, the clerk shall publish notice to that effect. Where any name appears on more petitions than there are candidates to be elected to said office, such name shall not be counted upon any petition for that office.

**State Law reference**— Nonpartisan nominating petitions, MCL 168.544a, MSA 6.1544(1).

Sec. 13.10. - Approval of petitions.

The clerk shall accept for filing only nomination petitions on official blanks containing the required number of signatures for candidates having those qualifications required for elective city officers by this charter. When petitions are filed by persons other than the person whose name appears thereon as a candidate, they may be accepted for filing only when accompanied by the written consent of the person in whose behalf the petition or petitions were circulated. The clerk shall, within five days, determine the sufficiency of the signatures on each petition filed, and if [it is] found that any petition does not contain the required number of legal signatures of registered electors, the clerk shall immediately notify the candidate in writing of the insufficiency of their petition. Each petition which is found by the clerk to contain the required number of signatures of registered electors for candidates shall be marked "in order," with the date thereof, and the clerk shall so notify in writing the candidate whose name appears thereon.

Sec. 13.11. - Public inspection of petitions.

All nomination petitions shall be open to public inspection after being filed in the office of the clerk.