



**TOWN OF JAMESTOWN
PETITION TO THE TOWN COUNCIL
Initiative and Referendum**

SUBMISSION COVERSHEET

Pursuant to the Jamestown Town Charter Sec. 218 Initiative and Referendum, Sec. 219 Initiative Procedure, and Sec. 220 Referendum Procedure, as printed in full on the back page of this Petition, I respectfully request the Town Council to enact the following Ordinance _____, as attached to this Petition in its entirety.

Submitted by:

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Date Received: (to be stamped by Town Clerk's Office)

INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM PETITION SIGNATURE PAPER

To be filed with the Jamestown Town Clerk

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We, the undersigned, qualified electors of the Town of Jamestown in the State of Rhode Island, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 17-14 of the General Laws of 1956, as amended, acknowledge the Ordinance attached hereto, which we have read, and understand, and have signed said Petition by our own free will.

Each of the signers of this paper by so signing severally certifies that he or she is a voter in the Town of Jamestown.

| | <i>Signature of Voter</i> <i>(as it appears on the Voter Registration)</i> | <i>Printed Name of Voter</i> <i>(as it appears on the Voter List)</i> | <i>Residence Address</i> <i>(as it appears on the Voter List)</i> |
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State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

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| <p>I, _____, of the Town of Jamestown, under oath, make affidavit and say that the signers of the within petition paper(s) did so sign the paper(s) in my presence.</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Signature</i></p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Residence (number & street)</i></p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Town, State, zip code</i></p> | <p>Notary:</p> <p>State of Rhode Island</p> <p>_____, Sc.</p> <p>Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, A.D. 20__.</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Notary Public Signature</i></p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Notary Public Print Name</i></p> |
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Certificate of the Town Clerk

The undersigned hereby certifies that on this date _____, A.D. 20____, that _____ of the within signatures are names and signatures of qualified electors in the Town of Jamestown.

Signature: _____
Town Clerk

JAMESTOWN TOWN CHARTER

Sec. 218. - Initiative and referendum.

In order to preserve direct participation in government to the voters of Jamestown, there are hereby established procedures whereby they may initiate legislative proposals for consideration by the town council and the voters.

Sec. 219. - Initiative procedure.

Any proposed ordinance may be submitted to the town council by a petition signed by qualified electors of the town equal in number to at least ten percent of the number of persons registered to vote at the time of the last regular town election. Whenever the town council receives a certified initiative petition from the town clerk, it shall proceed at once to consider the proposed ordinance transmitted therewith, and shall take a final vote on the enactment of same no more than 30 days following receipt of the petition from the town clerk. If the town council shall fail to pass an ordinance thus proposed by initiative petition, or shall pass it in altered form, the said ordinance as originally proposed by the petitioners shall be submitted to the electors for their approval or rejection, no less than 30 days nor more than one year from the date the town council takes its final vote thereon. The town council may, and if no regular election is to be held within such period shall, provide for a special election.

Sec. 220. - Referendum procedure.

The town council may provide in the terms of any ordinance it enacts that the same be submitted to the electors for their approval or rejection. In the event it makes such provision, the vote thereon by the electors shall be called in accordance with the provisions set forth for voting upon initiative proposals in section 219. Pending the decision of the voters, the ordinance in question shall remain inoperative.