



Legislation Text

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This Ordinance provides for the immediate certification to the Franklin County Board of Elections for placement on the ballot at the November 6, 2018 election an ordinance proposed by initiative petition entitled “To Establish a Community Bill of Rights for Water, Soil, and Air Protection and to Prohibit Gas and Oil Extraction and Related Activities and Projects”. This action is necessary in order for the proposed ordinance to be considered by the electors as required under Columbus City Charter Section 43.

To order and provide for the submission to the electors at the November 6, 2018 election an ordinance proposed by initiative petition entitled “To Establish a Community Bill of Rights for Water, Soil, and Air Protection and to Prohibit Gas and Oil Extraction and Related Activities and Projects”, and to declare an emergency.

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2018, a proposed ordinance was submitted to the Columbus City Council by a petition signed by registered electors of the City of Columbus entitled “To Establish a Community Bill of Rights for Water, Soil, and Air Protection and to Prohibit Gas and Oil Extraction and Related Activities and Projects”; and

WHEREAS, on July 23, 2018 this Council found the petition to be legally sufficient in Ordinance No. 2183-2018; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Columbus City Charter Section 43, Council is required forthwith to either pass the proposed ordinance as submitted or order and provide for the submission of such proposed ordinance to a vote of the electors of the City at the next ensuing election to be held not less than sixty (60) nor more than one hundred twenty (120) days thereafter; or if no such election will be held, at the next ensuing election; and

WHEREAS, this Council has not passed the proposed ordinance as submitted and has decided to submit the proposed ordinance to the electors of the City; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual and daily operation of the City in that it is necessary to certify this question to the Board of Elections immediately to ensure its submission to the electors at the next ensuing election; now therefore

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

Section 1. That the proposed ordinance titled “To Establish a Community Bill of Rights for Water, Soil, and Air Protection and to Prohibit Gas and Oil Extraction and Related Activities and Projects”, being set forth as an attachment (“Community Bill of Rights Proposed Ordinance”) hereto and hereby made a part hereof, be submitted to the electors of the City of Columbus, Ohio pursuant to Section 43 of the City Charter for their approval or rejection at the November 6, 2018 election.

Section 2. That, pursuant to Section 43-3 of the Charter of the City of Columbus, city council hereby prescribes a summary of the proposed ordinance which shall be place upon the ballot, such summary being set forth as attachment (“Community Bill of Rights Proposed Ordinance Summary”) hereto and hereby made a part hereof.

Section 3. That the Clerk of this Council shall forthwith serve a certified copy of this Ordinance on the boards of elections of Franklin County, Delaware County, and Fairfield County, Ohio.

Section 4. That, should the boards of elections of Franklin County, Delaware County, and Fairfield County, Ohio determine that the initiative petition is valid and sufficient in accordance with applicable Ohio law, the boards are hereby authorized and requested to submit to the electors of the City of Columbus, Ohio the proposed ordinance at the election to be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

Section 5. That pursuant to Section 42-12 of the City Charter, this ordinance shall go into effect and be in force from and after the date of passage, and shall not be submitted to or require the mayor's signature, or be subject to the mayor's veto.