

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMISSION
OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE,
AMENDING ARTICLE IX OF THE
KNOX COUNTY CHARTER TO DESIGNATE
THE NUMBER OF QUALIFIED VOTERS
REQUIRED TO SIGN PETITIONS FOR
CHARTER AMENDMENTS (Knox County
Charter as adopted 11-8-88, as amended through
Referendum of 8-6-04).

ORDINANCE: O-08-2-101
REQUESTED BY: COMMISSIONERS
HAMMOND & M. HARMON
PREPARED BY: KNOX COUNTY LAW
DIRECTOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS: John E. Duvings
DIRECTOR OF LAW

APPROVED 1ST READING: 2-25-08
DATE

APPROVED 2ND READING: 4-28-08
DATE

APPROVED EMERGENCY: _____
(YES) (NO)

VETOED: _____
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BOOK _____ PAGE _____

WHEREAS, the citizens of Knox County are urging for an amendment to the Knox County Charter which would designate the number of qualified voters required to sign petitions for charter amendments; and

WHEREAS, it is the sense of the Knox County Commission that this amendment should be placed before the people for ratification at the next regularly scheduled County or State election.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSION OF KNOX COUNTY AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. This Amendment to Article IX of the Knox County Charter, set out in full below, is proposed for submission to the voters of Knox County in accordance with the requirements of the Knox County Charter.

SECTION 2. The Knox County Charter shall be amended as follows:

The Knox County Charter is hereby amended to delete Section 9.05.C in its entirety and to substitute the following amended Section 9.05.C in lieu thereof, such amendment to take effect on September 1, 2010.

C. Voters of the County may frame and propose amendments to this Charter by a petition addressed to the Commission, which petition shall contain the information required by Section 9.05.B for ordinances proposing amendments, and no other matter except as hereinafter provided in this Section 9.05.C. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 2-5-151(d) of the Tennessee Code Annotated, any petition proposing a Charter amendment must be filed with the County Clerk and must be signed by qualified voters of the County equal in number to at least fifteen percent (15%) of the persons who voted in the last gubernatorial election in Knox County. The County Clerk shall immediately deliver said petition to the County Election Commission. When the County Election Commission determines that such petitions are legally sufficient, it shall submit same to the voters of the County in accordance with Section 9.05.E.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Commission of Knox County, the public welfare requiring it, and upon adoption, its effect shall be to require that the County Clerk immediately deliver a certified copy of the ordinance to the Knox County Election Commission and that the Election Commission submit the proposed Charter Amendments to the voters of the County as provided in Section 9.05.E of the Knox County Charter.

Thomas Erickland 5/13/08
Presiding Officer of the Commission Date

George Strohman 5.9.08
County Clerk Date

Approved: Michael R. Kay Jr 5.6.08
County Mayor Date

Vetoed: _____
County Mayor Date