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### WARNING

It is a felony for anyone to sign an initiative or referendum petition with any name other than his own, or knowingly to sign his name more than once for the measure, or to sign such petition when he is not a legal voter.

MICHAEL P. KIER  
CITY CLERK

### Initiative Petition

To the Honorable Bill LaFortune, Mayor of the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma:

We, the undersigned legal voters of the State of Oklahoma and of the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma, respectfully order that the following proposed amendment of the City Charter of the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma, shall be submitted to the legal voters of the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma for their approval or rejection at a special city election called for such purpose at least sixty (60) days after the filing of this signed Initiative Petition with the City Clerk of the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and each for himself says:

I have personally signed this Petition; I am a legal voter of the State of Oklahoma and of the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma; my residence or post office address is correctly written after my name.

The time for filing this Petition expires ninety (90) days from October 20, 2005.

The question we herewith submit to our fellow voters is: Shall the following proposed amendment of the existing Charter of the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma, as heretofore amended, be approved?

**An Amendment to the Existing Charter of the City of Tulsa, as Heretofore Amended, to Provide for the Reduction of the Number of Election Districts to Six (6) Effective at the Time of the 2008 General Election, and Providing for the Election of Six (6) Councilors by Districts, Who Shall Be Designated as Councilor, Election Districts One (1) through Six (6), Respectively, and for Three (3) Councilors to Be Elected At-Large Throughout the City of Tulsa, Who Shall Be Designated as Councilor-At-Large Nos. One (1) through Three (3), Respectively, and Which Three (3) Councilors-At-Large Shall Serve for Terms that Commence on the First Monday in April in the Year 2008 and Expire on the First Monday in April in the Year 2010, and that Thereafter such Councilors-At-Large Shall Serve Four-Year Terms Coinciding with the Term of the Mayor; and Providing Further for the Appointment of an Election District Commission as Soon as Practicable after this Amendment of the Charter Is Approved by the Citizens of the City of Tulsa for the Purpose of Adjusting the Boundaries of the Six (6) Districts for the General Election in the Year 2008.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF TULSA THAT the following indicated Sections of the Charter of the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma, as heretofore amended, shall be and they are hereby further amended to read as follows [*additions underlined; deletions marked by strikethrough*]:

#### Article II – The Council

**Section 1. CREATION AND FUNCTIONS.** All legislative powers of the City of Tulsa, except for the rights of initiative and referendum reserved to the people of the City of Tulsa by Article XVIII, Section 4, of the Constitution of Oklahoma, shall be vested in and exercised by a Council composed of nine (9) Councilors elected by districts until the year 2008; beginning in the year 2008 six (6) of the Councilors shall be elected by districts and the other three (3) elected at large as provided in Article VI of this amended Charter. The Council shall exercise such other powers delegated to the Council by this amended Charter or delegated to the legislative body of a municipality by the Constitution or the laws of Oklahoma.

#### Article VI – Election and Qualification of Officers

**Section 1.1 MAYOR AND COUNCILORS--ELECTION.** On the first Tuesday in April in the year 1990, there shall be elected by the qualified electors of the city at a general election a Mayor, a City Auditor, and, until the general election in the year 2008, nine (9) Councilors elected from districts. Until the year 2008, the Councilors to be elected from each of the nine (9) election districts shall be designated as Councilor, Election Districts One (1) through Nine (9), respectively; beginning with the general election in the year 2008, the Councilors to be elected from each of the six (6) election districts shall be designated as Councilor, Election Districts One (1) through Six (6), respectively, and the three (3) Councilors elected from the entire city at-large shall be designated as Councilor-At-Large Nos. One (1) through Three (3), respectively.

**Section 1.2 TERMS.** The term of office of the Mayor elected in the year 1990 shall commence on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May in the year 1990 and shall expire on the first Monday in April in the year 1994; thereafter, the Mayor shall serve for a term of four (4) years. The term of office of each of the three (3) Councilors-At-Large elected at the general election in the year 2008 shall commence on the first Monday in April of that year and shall expire on the first Monday in April in the year 2010; thereafter, the three (3) Councilors-At-Large shall each serve for a term of four (4) years. The terms of office of the Councilors elected from the Districts and the City Auditor elected in the year 1990 shall commence on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May in the year 1990 and shall expire on the first Monday in April in the year 1992; thereafter the City Auditor and the Councilors elected from the Districts shall serve for terms of two (2) years. All terms of office shall commence and expire at 2:00 o'clock p.m.

**Section 6.1 ELECTION DISTRICTS.** The City is hereby divided into nine (9) election districts for the purpose of nominating and electing a Councilor from each election district until the general election in the year 2008; beginning with the general election in the year 2008, the City will be divided into six (6) election districts as established by the Election District Commission, for the purpose of nominating and electing a Councilor from each such election district as provided above in Section 1.1. The election districts shall be numbered, bounded, and described as set forth in Schedule I, attached to and made a part of this amended Charter.

**SECTION 10.1 ELECTION DISTRICT COMMISSION.** There is hereby created an Election District Commission which shall consist of three (3) members. The governing body of the two (2) political parties having the largest number of registered voters within the city as of the date of the preceding general election shall each appoint one (1) member of the Election District Commission. The Mayor shall appoint one (1) member, subject to confirmation by a majority vote of the entire membership of the Council. The appointments shall be made and the Election District Commission shall be organized no later than the 31st day of January, 1991, and no later than the 31st day of January of each tenth year thereafter, and additionally as soon as practicable after this amendment of this Charter is approved by the citizens of the City of Tulsa. In the event the members of the Election District Commission are not appointed within the times herein provided, such appointments shall be made by the Presiding Judge of the District Court of Tulsa County. Persons holding an elected office shall be ineligible for appointment to the Election District Commission. If a vacancy shall occur in the Election District Commission, a qualified successor shall be appointed within twenty (20) days after the date the vacancy occurs as provided for original appointments.

**SECTION 10.2 ADJUSTMENT OF ELECTION DISTRICT BOUNDARIES.** The Election District Commission shall adjust the boundaries of Election Districts each ten (10) years after the completion of the Federal Decennial Census, and additionally as soon as practicable after this amendment of this Charter is approved by the citizens of the City of Tulsa for the purpose of reducing the number of election districts to six (6) for the general election in the year 2008. The Election District Commission shall determine the population of the city and each existing election district according to the preceding Federal Decennial Census and shall prepare a proposed Election District Plan. Each district shall consist of contiguous, compact territory and be as nearly equal in population as possible. The district boundary lines shall conform with precinct boundary lines. The Election District Plan shall establish the population and boundaries of each election district. The proposed Election District Plan shall include a map and description of the districts. The Election District Commission shall hold at least one (1) public hearing on the proposed Election District Plan. Notice of the hearing shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the city at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the hearing.

**Name and Address of Proponents [not to exceed three]:**

Name	Residence (Street and Number)	Post Office
A.H. "Chip" McElroy II	1964 East 45 <sup>th</sup> Place	Tulsa, OK 74105
Theodore C. Sherwood	3802 South Delaware Avenue	Tulsa, OK 74105
Tulsans for Better Government	P.O. Box 580550	Tulsa, OK 74158-0550

(Signatures follow:)

We, the undersigned legal voters of the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma, hereby petition the Mayor of the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma, to call a special election for the purpose of submitting the foregoing question to the voters of the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma; the gist of the proposition is as follows: **Shall the existing Charter of the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma, as previously amended, be further amended to provide for the reduction of the number of election districts to six (6) and the election of three (3) Councilors who would be elected at-large throughout the City of Tulsa, and such Councilors-at-Large would serve from the first Monday in April, 2008 until the first Monday in April in the year 2010, and after that such Councilors-at-Large would serve four-year terms coinciding with the term of the Mayor; and shall the amendment of the Charter further provide for the appointment of the Election District Commission as soon as practicable after this amendment of the Charter for the purpose of adjusting the boundaries of the six (6) districts prior to the 2008 City elections?**

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**Verification:**

State of Oklahoma )  
                          ) ss.  
County of Tulsa   )

I, \_\_\_\_\_ [insert name], being first duly sworn, say:

That I am a qualified elector of the State of Oklahoma and that:

*[legibly write or type names of each person signing attached Petition:]*

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2. \_\_\_\_\_ 12. \_\_\_\_\_
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signed this sheet of the foregoing petition, and each of them signed his or her name thereto in my presence; I believe that each has stated his name, post office address, and residence correctly, and that each signer is a legal voter of the State of Oklahoma and of the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Post Office Address

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

\_\_\_\_\_  
Post Office Address

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_  
Commission No. \_\_\_\_\_