

ORDINANCE NO. 6-81 N.S. ✓AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE FILING FEE TO BE PAID BY CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICES OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCILMAN

The Council of the City of Richmond do ordain as follows:

Section 1. Every candidate for the office of Mayor or City Councilman shall, at the time of filing his petition for nomination, pay to the City Clerk the filing fee specified in the City Charter.

Section 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1, any candidate who is financially unable to pay the filing fee may submit a petition containing signatures of registered voters in lieu of the filing fee. The City Clerk shall furnish an in-lieu petition for securing signatures to any indigent candidate upon request; provided, that such candidate completes an affidavit, supplied by the City Clerk, certifying under penalty of perjury that he is financially unable to pay the filing fee. The substitution of signatures for fees shall be subject to the following provisions:

- (1) The in-lieu petition shall contain four (4) signatures of registered voters for each dollar of filing fee.
- (2) Any registered voter who is eligible to vote for a candidate for Mayor or City Councilman may sign an in-lieu petition.
- (3) A registered voter may sign both a candidate's nomination papers and his in-lieu petition, but the signatures appearing on the candidate's in-lieu petition shall not count toward the number of signatures required to be submitted on the nomination papers.
- (4) If a voter signs more candidates' in-lieu petitions than there are offices to be filled, the voter's

signatures shall be valid only on those petitions which, taken in the order they were filed, do not exceed the number of offices to be filled.

(5) In-lieu petitions shall be filed with the City Clerk at the same time the nomination papers are filed. After the signatures on an in-lieu petition have been verified, the City Clerk shall immediately notify the candidate of any deficiency. The candidate may submit a supplemental petition with the necessary number of valid signatures at any time prior to the close of the nomination period.

(6) A candidate may submit a greater number of signatures to allow for subsequent losses due to invalidity of some signatures, but the validity of a greater number of signatures than that required by subsection (1), above, shall not be determined.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force on and after its final passage and adoption.

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First read at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Richmond held January 26, 1981, and finally passed and adopted at a regular meeting thereof held February 2, 1981, by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Corcoran, Silva, Greco, Bates, Allen, Wagerman, Livingston and Washington.

Noes: None.

Absent: None. (One vacancy)

HARLAN J. HEYDON  
Clerk of the City of Richmond

Approved:

(SEAL)

LONNIE C. WASHINGTON, JR.  
Mayor

Approved as to form:

MALCOLM HUNTER  
City Attorney

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Ordinance No. 6-81,N.S., finally passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held February 2, 1981, and published in accordance with law.

Harlan J. Heydon  
Clerk of the City of Richmond