

Requirements for a recall petition in Bastrop:

Charter 10.07 - Power of Recall:

The people of the City reserve the power to recall the Mayor or any other member of the Council and may exercise such power by

1. Filing with the City Secretary a petition:
 - a. signed by qualified voters of the City
 - b. equal in number to at least twenty-five (25) percent of the number of registered voters residing in the City at the time of the last regular municipal election of the City
 - c. demanding the removal of the Mayor or other member of the Council.
2. The petition shall be:
 - a. signed and verified in the manner required for an initiative petition,
 - b. shall contain a general statement of the grounds upon which the removal is sought and
 - c. one of the signers of each petition paper shall make an affidavit that the statements made therein are true.

Charter 10.03 - Form of Petition for Initiative and Referendum:

All petition papers circulated for the purpose of an initiative or referendum shall be:

1. uniform in size and style.
- ~~2. Initiative petition papers shall contain the full text of the proposed ordinance.~~

The signatures to initiative and referendum petitions

1. need not all be appended to one paper,
2. but to each separate paper there shall be attached a statement of the circulator
 - a. that he/she personally circulated the foregoing paper,
 - b. that all the signatures appended thereto were made in his/her presence and
 - c. that he/she believes them to be the genuine signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be.
3. Each signer of any such petition
 - a. shall sign his/her name in ink,
 - b. shall indicate after his/her name his/her place of residence by street, street number and zip code,
 - c. shall indicate his/her voter registration certificate number and (contrary to state law)
 - d. shall record the date of signature.

State Election Law (supersedes charter):

Signature Requirements [Sec. 277.002]

1. Signer's signature (the only requirement that must be in the signer's handwriting);
2. Signer's printed name;
3. Signer's residence address; AND
4. Signer's date of birth OR voter registration number.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR GETTING RECALL ELECTION SIGNATURES

1. The person circulating (circulator) the recall petition:
 - a. Must be a registered voter in the city of Bastrop.
 - b. Must sign one of the petition papers as an individual demanding the removal of Mayor Nelson.
 - c. Must witness each signature and attest to this fact at the bottom of the signature page.
 - d. Each page must be notarized, and we will notarize them all at the same time when we have enough signatures.
2. Signature Requirements
 - a. Only registered voters from the city of Bastrop should sign. Having an invalid signature from someone that is not a registered voter within the city does NOT invalidate the rest of the signatures, but that signature will not count towards our total. We will do comprehensive validation prior to turning in our signatures, so don't worry about someone signing if you are not sure they live in the city.
 - b. The signature must be in **PEN!**
 - c. The signature is the only field that **must** be in the signer's handwriting.
 - d. Please have Signer fill out their own signature, and they may also fill out the rest of the fields, or you may help them with those.
 - e. According to state law, either a birthdate or VoterID is required, but **not BOTH fields**. We assume that everyone will know their own birthday and nearly no one will know their Voter ID. We will lookup and fill out the VoterID fields prior to turning in the signatures to make the verification task easier for the City Secretary.
3. Signature Counts
 - a. We must get signatures from 25% of the count of registered voters as of the last, general, municipal election, which will be May 4, 2024, by the time we turn these in.
 - b. While we do not yet know the count of registered voters for the May 4, 2024, election, the 25% count from the May 2023, election would have been 1,506 signatures. While we expect to need more than this, it should not be tremendously more.
4. Signature Form
 - a. Print out the attached form, 1 page per sheet, front-side only. Do not print on the backside of each paper.
 - b. Each signature form holds 20 signatures. We need just over 75 filled out signature forms to hit the goal.

The Bastrop Board of Ethics has unanimously determined that **Mayor Lyle Nelson** has violated Bastrop's Ethics Ordinance for **Abuse of Position, Interference** and been formally reprimanded for interfering in an investigation into misuse of public funds by his girlfriend. The demonstrated lying and other interference have violated the public trust. The undersigned demand the removal of **Mayor Lyle Nelson**.

Signature	Date	Print Name (First Middle Last)	Street Number, Street, Zip	Birth Date	VoterID (optional)

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF BASTROP: I _____, being first duly sworn, on oath depose and say that I am one of the signers of the above petition; and that the statements made therein are true; and that I personally circulated this paper. All signatures were made in my presence, and I believe them to be the genuine signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be.
Sworn and subscribed to before me this _____ day of _____ 20____.

X _____
Signature of Circulator

X _____
Notary Public in and for State of Texas

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