

It is a class A misdemeanor punishable, notwithstanding the provisions of section 560.021, RSMo, to the contrary, for a term of imprisonment not to exceed one year in the county jail or a fine not to exceed ten thousand dollars or both, for anyone to sign any initiative petition with any name other than his or her own, or knowingly to sign his or her name more than once for the same measure for the same election, or to sign a petition when such person knows he or she is not a registered voter.

PETITION FOR CHARTER AMENDMENT

To the Board of Election Commissioners of the City of St. Louis, Missouri:

We, the undersigned, registered voters of the state of Missouri and the City of St. Louis, respectfully order that the following proposed charter amendment be submitted to the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, Missouri, and if the Board of Aldermen fails to place it on the next available ballot, that it be submitted to the voters of the City of St. Louis at the first election at which such submission may lawfully be had in accordance with the City Charter; and each for himself or herself says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a registered voter of the state of Missouri and City of St. Louis; and my registered voting address is correctly written after my name.

CIRCULATOR'S AFFIDAVIT STATE OF MISSOURI, COUNTY OF _____

I, _____, being first duly sworn, say (print or type names of signers)

NAME (Signature)	DATE SIGNED	REGISTERED VOTING ADDRESS (Street)	NAME (Printed or Typed)
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signed this page of the foregoing petition, and each of them signed his or her name thereto in my presence; I believe that each has stated his or her name, registered voting address, and that each signer is a registered voter of the state of Missouri and City of St. Louis.

FURTHERMORE, I HEREBY SWEAR OR AFFIRM UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT ALL STATEMENTS MADE BY ME ARE TRUE AND CORRECT AND THAT I HAVE NEVER BEEN CONVICTED OF, FOUND GUILTY OF, OR PLED GUILTY TO ANY OFFENSE INVOLVING FORGERY.

I am at least 18 years of age. I do ___ do not ___(check one) expect to be paid for circulating this petition. If paid, list the payer _____.

 Signature of Affiant

 Street Address of Affiant/Circulator

 Printed Name of Affiant/Circulator

 City, State, and Zip Code of Affiant/Circulator

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, A.D. 201_.

 Signature of Notary

 Street Address of Notary

Notary Public (Seal)

 City, State, and Zip Code of Notary

My commission expires _____

COMMITTEE OF THE PETITIONERS

Jamillah Nasheed, 4032 Olive Street, Apt. C.; Martin Casas, 3148 Halliday Ave.; Jennifer Florida, 3873 Hartford; Blake Lawrence, 208 N. 14th Street, Apt. 315; Stephanie Lewis, 5903 DeGiverville.

Be it enacted by the voters of the City of St. Louis that Article XV of the City Charter is hereby amended by repealing Sections 4 and 5, and enacting in lieu thereof four new sections, Sections 4, 4a, 4b, and 5, which shall read as follows:

Section 4. Statement of purpose and intent.

Abolishing the office of recorder of deeds and consolidation of the functions of that office with that of the Assessor will result in substantial cost savings for the City. Subject to the provisions of this section, it is the intent of the people of the City that these realized cost savings be placed in a special fund known as “the police body-worn camera fund,” subject to appropriation for the uses specified for that fund. The people find that the wear and use of body cameras at all times by all city police officers is critical to the law enforcement operations of the city police department and to the city police department protecting and serving the community. By streamlining city government as provided for under sections 4, 4a, 4b, and 5 of this article, the realized savings can be used to modernize community policing through the purchase, continual wear, and continual use of police body-worn cameras.

Section 4a. Office of recorder of deeds abolished; transfer of duties.

- (a) The elected office of recorder of deeds is abolished, but the present recorder of deeds shall continue in office until the end of the term for which she was elected. Until such time, she shall be part of the recorder of deeds department of the assessment division and under the control of the assessor.
- (b) The duties, functions, and responsibilities of the office of recorder of deeds, as they presently exist or may be amended from time-to-time under State law and City Charter are transferred to the assessment division.
- (c) The staff of the office of recorder of deeds that are not assigned to the assessment division to carry out the duties, functions and responsibilities of the former office of recorder of deeds shall be afforded the opportunity to become employees of the city with their individual seniority and compensation unaffected and on such other comparable terms and conditions as may be fair and equitable.

Section 4b. Disposition of recorder of deeds salary and cost savings from abolishing recorder of deeds office and transfer of duties.

- (a) Not later than ten days after the convening of the Board of Aldermen on the third Tuesday in April, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment shall determine the cost savings that will be realized in the upcoming budget year from abolishing the elective office of recorder of deeds and transferring the duties, functions and responsibilities of the office to the assessment division. The cost savings shall be measured by (i) the base and additional salaries required to be paid to the recorder of deeds by State law and, to the extent additional pay provisions were in force on the date of adoption of this amendment, City charter, code or ordinance, and (ii) any other savings in costs realized in the transfer of the duties, functions and responsibilities of the office to the assessment division.
- (b) The comptroller is authorized and directed to establish a special fund to be known as “the police body-worn camera fund.”
 - (i) A “police body-worn camera” is an electronic camera system for creating, generating, sending, receiving, storing and displaying video and audio data that may be worn about the body of a law enforcement officer.
 - (ii) Monies deposited into the police body-worn camera fund shall be dedicated to the purchase and use of police body-worn cameras for use by the city metropolitan police department.
 - (iii) The comptroller is authorized and directed to place to the credit of the police body-worn camera fund the cost savings realized from abolishing the elective office of recorder of deeds and transferring the duties, functions and responsibilities of the office to the assessment division; any grants, gifts or donations to the City or the metropolitan police department from any source for the purchase of police body-worn cameras; and any other appropriations to the fund by the board of aldermen.
 - (iv) No payments shall be made out of the police body-worn camera fund except by appropriations from the fund by the board of aldermen for the express purpose of the fund. All interest earned on money deposited into the police body-worn camera fund

shall be credited to and deposited into such fund. The unexpended balance remaining in the police body-worn camera fund at the end of a fiscal year that has not been appropriated shall not be transferred and placed to the credit of the general revenue fund of the city or any other fund; except that, the board of alderman may transfer or appropriate monies from the police body-worn camera fund for other uses upon a finding and recommendation of the city department of public safety of excess monies in the fund. A finding of excess monies shall only be made on a finding that all police officers are presently equipped with body-worn cameras and that there are sufficient body-worn cameras on hand or cash reserves in the fund to meet future needs or anticipated replacements, related technology and storage needs for the following year.

Section 5. Assessor and assessment division.

- (a) The assessor shall have the qualifications provided with regard to the mayor; receive a salary of five thousand dollars per annum, and, before entering upon the duties of his office, take an oath similar to that required by law of county assessors and recorder of deeds. He shall be the head of the assessment division. With respect to the assessment department, he shall appoint the deputy assessors and employees this department as may be provided by ordinance; preserve all maps, plats, books and papers belonging to said division; cause all plats to be prepared, altered and corrected as required by law; receive lists, statements or returns of property; and furnish blanks and information to those desiring to appeal to the board of equalization. With respect to the recorder of deeds department, he shall appoint a chief deputy recorder and such employees as deemed necessary for the operation of the department; have charge and control of the real estate records and personalty records of the city, and all papers, maps, plats and other records pertaining to his office as established by law and may enforce all needful regulations for their care, use and management not inconsistent with the laws of the state; collect such fees as prescribed by law and pay the same into the city treasury as required by ordinance. The assessor shall receive no additional salary for duties associated with the recorder of deeds department of the assessment division.
- (b) The assessment division shall consist of the assessment department and the recorder of deeds department. The assessment division will be under the authority and control of the assessor.

[Section 4 - Composition of assessment division.

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