

Proposition Information Pamphlet

Initiative to Amend Chapter 2.36 of the Logan Municipal Code

Included in the pamphlet are the following:

- Copy of the application for the proposed initiative
- Argument prepared by the sponsors
- Argument prepared by the City of Logan
- Copy of the initial fiscal impact statement

**Initiative to Amend Chapter 2.36 of the Logan Utah Code of Ordinances to
Establish City Council Leadership and within the Neighborhood Council**

Amend **Chapter 2.36.010 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS** Logan Utah Code of Ordinances to the following.

2.36.010: ESTABLISHED:

There is established a neighborhood council consisting of five (5) elected city council members and one (1) representative for the student population of Utah State University to be chosen by city council members. Terms of service shall be for four (4) years pursuant to Logan Utah Code of Ordinances 2.44.030 TERMS.

Add the following paragraph to **Chapter 2.36 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS** Logan Utah Code of Ordinances to the following.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETINGS:

The municipal council members shall hold neighborhood council meetings one (1) time each month for the purpose of understanding the will of the people they represent. Neighborhood council meetings shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order where all residents of the neighborhood are voting members.

**List of sponsors for Initiative to Amend Chapter 2.36 of the Logan Utah
Code of Ordinances to Establish City Council Leadership within the
Neighborhood Council**

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Application for an Initiative or Referendum

Utah Code § 20A-7-202

Name of Organization

Sponsor Statement

I, Erin Bennett affirm that I am a resident of Utah and I have voted in a regular general election in Utah within the last three years.
Name of Sponsor (please type or print)

844 Park Ave Er Bennett
Residence Address Sponsor's Signature

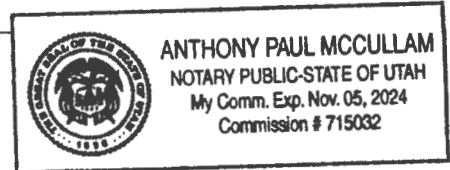
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Utah Code § 20A-7-202

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I, Jesse Walker affirm that I am a resident of Utah and I have voted in a regular general election in Utah within the last three years.
Name of Sponsor (please type or print)

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Sponsor's Signature

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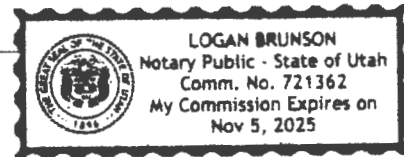
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Utah Code § 20A-7-202

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I, Shenlyn Wilson affirm that I am a resident of Utah and I have voted in a regular
Name of Sponsor (please type or print) general election in Utah within the last three years.

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JILL GODFREY
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MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
MAY 28, 2024
STATE OF UTAH

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Name of Organization

Sponsor Statement

I, Willow Herzog

Name of Sponsor (please type or print)

affirm that I am a resident of Utah and I have voted in a regular general election in Utah within the last three years.

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Commission # 715032

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Name of Organization

Sponsor Statement

I, Kenson Williams

Name of Sponsor (please type or print)

affirm that I am a resident of Utah and I have voted in a regular general election in Utah within the last three years.

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Notary Public



I, Erin Bennett, am a registered voter and voted in the 2021 election in the State of Utah.

Erin Bennett
8-1-2022

I, Jesse Walker, am a registered voter in Logan, Utah, and have voted in at least one of the last three annual general elections.

Jesse Walker
01 August 2022

I, Sherilyn Wilson, am a registered voter in Logan, UT and voted in the 2021 general election.

Sherilyn Wilson

Aug 1, 2022

I, Willow Herzog, am a registered
Voter in Logan, UT and I voted in
the 2021 general election

Willow 
July 29, 2022

I, Kenson Williams am a
registered voter in Logan,

UT and have voted in the
2021 general election

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Kenson Williams

8/1/22

This initiative petition does not seek to increase any current tax rate.

Argument in Favor of Initiative to Amend Chapter 2.36 of the Logan Utah Code of Ordinances to Establish City Council Leadership and within the Neighborhood Council

Current law in the Code of Ordinances states that the mayor selects the neighborhood council chairperson and only the chairperson has a vote at neighborhood council meetings. In other words, the mayor of Logan City decides who speaks on behalf of the residents of Logan City to the city council. Current law doesn't align with democratic values of the United States of America.

Neighborhood councils are a means of communication between the community and the council. The current structure of the neighborhood council is a failure. Many of the neighborhood councils aren't functioning at all. It is the role of a councilor to engage with the community and gather public opinion on issues. It is not reasonable to expect residents to invest the time and energy into this task as a neighborhood council chairperson, as it is a task that the city council members are paid to do. Councilors active participation in neighborhood councils will create a system of representation close to the people.

Requiring council members to hold monthly neighborhood meetings will establish a less threatening and more informal method for citizens to communicate specific neighborhood concerns to the municipal council. Regular meetings with constituents in their neighborhoods are a common practice throughout the U.S. political system. The public may participate in municipal council public hearings but the city council members do not respect the first amendment rights of citizens nor do they act on citizen input. The current system of citizen communication with Logan City council members is an exercise in learned helplessness as a result of persistent failure to receive even a response from our elected officials. A monthly neighborhood meeting with city council members will offer residents the opportunity to communicate their concerns, opinions and general input on issues to be decided by the city council as well as hold council members accountable for their decisions.

**CITY OF LOGAN'S WRITTEN ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION TO THE INITIATIVE
PETITION TO AMEND LOGAN MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.36.010**

As stated in Logan Municipal Code 2.36.020, "The purpose of the neighborhood council is to provide another means of communication between the citizens and the mayor and municipal council and to give the mayor and municipal council better information concerning the needs and desires of the City." The proposed initiative would repeal the current structure of the neighborhood council which consists of seven mayor appointed members: one member from each designated neighborhood defined by the current elementary school boundaries and one member representing Utah State University and replace the neighborhood council membership with the five City Council members and one representative from the University.

As a practical matter, the municipal council already represents the neighborhoods and designating the municipal council to also serve as the neighborhood council accomplishes no discernable benefit and defeats the stated purpose of the neighborhood council to provide **another** means of communication between the citizens, mayor, and council. The intent of having individual representatives who live in each neighborhood is for that representative to bring the unique concerns of each neighborhood to the neighborhood council meetings and to have those concerns and possible solutions vetted and then passed on to the mayor and municipal council. The proposed initiative weakens neighborhood focused involvement by eliminating a less threatening and more informal method for citizens to communicate specific neighborhood concerns to the municipal council.

**ESTIMATE OF THE FISCAL AND LEGAL IMPACT OF THE INITIATIVE TO
AMEND CHAPTER 2.36.010 OF THE LOGAN MUNICIPAL CODE**

1. The dollar amount representing the total fiscal impact of the proposed initiative if it was to become law is estimated to be less than \$1000.00.
2. The proposed initiative will not increase or decrease taxes.
3. The proposed initiative will not result in the issuance or a change in the status of bonds, notes, or other debt instruments.
4. The funding source for the estimated costs of the proposed initiative would be the City of Logan's General Fund.
5. It is estimated that there will not be any additional costs or savings to the state or other local government entities under the proposed initiative.
6. The proposed initiative will not have any significant legal impact on vested property rights.
7. The proposed initiative will not have any significant impact on other laws or ordinances.
8. The proposed initiative will not have any significant impact on the City of Logan's legal liability.

SUMMARY

The Logan Finance Director estimates that the law proposed by this initiative would have no significant fiscal impact and would not result in either an increase or decrease in taxes or debt. The Logan City Attorney finds that the proposed initiative would have no significant legal impact on the City of Logan.