

Proposition Information Pamphlet
Initiative to Amend Chapter 2.44 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 2.44 of Logan Utah Code of Ordinances to Establish Voter Districts for City Council Seats in Logan City

Amend Chapter 2.44 of Logan UT Code of Ordinances to state the following.

2.44.030 TERMS:

On the Tuesday following the first Monday in November 2025, and quadrennially thereafter, there shall be elected one (1) council members to represent districts one (1), three (3) and five (5) pursuant to 2.44.040 Council Seats. On the Tuesday following the first Monday of November 2027, and quadrennially thereafter, there shall be elected one (1) council member to represent districts two (2) and four (4) pursuant to 2.44.040 Council Seats. Council members elected shall serve four (4) year terms.

2.44.040: COUNCIL SEATS:

A. The City shall be divided into five (5) Council districts of substantially equal population. One nonpartisan candidate shall be from each Council district.

B. District Boundaries: The legislative districts of the City are provided on a map duly approved by the Council. The districts shall be enlarged by subsequent contiguous City annexations and shall be reapportioned following each Federal decennial census to maintain substantially equal populations. The Council shall by resolution or ordinance adopt such district boundary modifications and may, also, by resolution or ordinance adopt maps and/or metes and bounds descriptions of the districts. A current copy of all such maps, resolutions and ordinances shall be on file with the City Recorder and available for public inspection.

2.44.050 FILING FOR ELECTION:

After the effective date hereof, whenever seats shall be up for election, those desiring to file therefor, whether incumbent or challenger, shall file for the district they choose to represent and must reside within that district for a minimum of six (6) months prior to filing for election.

2.44.060 PRIMARY ELECTION:

In the primary election, the two (2) candidates who receive the highest number of vote totals within their district shall be placed on the ballot in the final election. Voters shall vote for the candidate within their district to be elected in that particular election.

2.44.070: FINAL ELECTION:

The ballot in the final election and the manner of holding the election shall be substantially the same as in the primary election. The available seats shall be filled by the candidate with the highest vote total within their district filling the available seat within their district.

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Establish Voter Districts for City Council Seats in Logan City**

Erin Bennett
844 Park Ave
Logan, UT 84321

Jesse Walker
664 East Center St
Logan, UT 84321

Sherilyn Wilson
246 West 775 North
Logan, UT 84321

Willow Herzog
1693 North 400 West B302
Logan, UT 84341

Kenson Williams
626 East 700 North Apt 5
Logan, UT 84321

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)

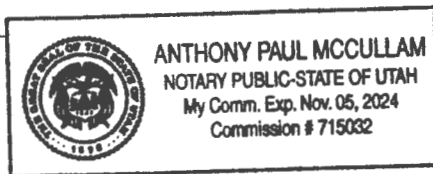
844 Park Ave Erin Bennett
Residence Address Sponsor's Signature

Logan UT 84321 435-232-6562 Notary Seal
City, State, Zip Phone Number

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Email

Subscribed and affirmed before me this 29 day of July 2012.

by [Signature]
Notary Public



Application for an Initiative or Referendum

Utah Code § 20A-7-202

Name of Organization

Sponsor Statement

I, Jesse Walker

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.

664 E Center St

Residence Address

Jesse Walker

Sponsor's Signature

Logan, UT 84321

City, State, Zip

435-535-1009

Phone Number

Notary Seal

ca)wolf@gmail.com

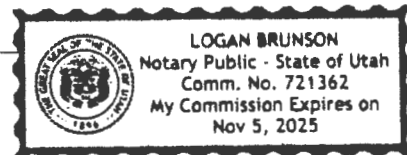
Email

Subscribed and affirmed before me this 1 day of August 2022

by

Logan Brunson

Notary Public



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Name of Organization

Sponsor Statement

I, Shenlyn Wilson 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)

246 W 775 W
Residence Address

[Signature]
Sponsor's Signature

Logan, UT 84321
City, State, Zip

435-512-7932
Phone Number

Notary Seal

shenlyn.wilson@hotmail.com
Email

Subscribed and affirmed before me this 1st day of August 2022

by

[Signature]
Notary Public



NOTARY PUBLIC
JILL GODFREY
COMM. # 712310
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
MAY 28, 2024
STATE OF UTAH

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Name of Organization

Sponsor Statement

I, Willow Herzog, 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)

1693N 400W B302

Residence Address

Willow Herzog

Sponsor's Signature

Logan, UT 84341

City, State, Zip

(435) 764-3104

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Willowherzog2@live.com

Email

Subscribed and affirmed before me this 29 day of July, 2022.

by

Anthony Paul McCullam

Notary Public



ANTHONY PAUL MCCULLAM
NOTARY PUBLIC-STATE OF UTAH
My Comm. Exp. Nov. 05, 2024
Commission # 715032

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Name of Organization

Sponsor Statement

I, Kenson Williams 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)

626 E 700 N Apt 5

Residence Address

Kenson Williams

Sponsor's Signature

Logan UT 84321

City, State, Zip

417 298 5993

Phone Number

Notary Seal

koolkenson17@gmail.com

Email

Subscribed and affirmed before me this 30th day of July 2022

by

Isaac Mackay Reese

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 2.44 of Logan Utah Code of Ordinances to Establish Voter Districts for City Council Seats in Logan City

In 2020 a committee reviewed the impact of the current Logan City council composition. The Voter District Committee Report stated that it was determined that the current at-large system has resulted in: a decrease in candidates willing to run for council seats, the council has never had more than one seat at a time filled by a council member residing on the west side of Logan, the overwhelming majority of candidates running for council seats reside in the Wilson/Hillcrest neighborhoods, less than 30% of Logan City's total population determine election outcomes. The Report concluded that major disparities exist between the lived experience as well as city council representation in Logan City.

The supermajority of the six citizen volunteers (5-1), each representing a geographic area defined by the elementary school, recommended that Logan City adopt a district-based system similar to our local school boards, county council, water district and house of representatives which would: create a more diverse lived experience among the council, facilitate broader representation in our community and reduce barriers to entry for new candidates. There is also a strong argument to be made that a voter district council is inevitable as the population of Logan City increases and it will be a more manageable process to do so now, before the population increases much more.

CITY OF LOGAN'S WRITTEN ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION TO THE INITIATIVE PETITION TO AMEND LOGAN MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.44

Logan City has historically elected municipal council members at large, allowing all eligible voters to vote for each council seat. This "at-large" system has served the citizens of Logan well and has not discouraged diverse representation on the municipal council. Indeed, the current representation on the council has gender, age, ethnic and geographical diversity.

Moreover, in the at-large system all council members are incentivized to act in the best interests of the entire city whereas council members under a voting district system may be inclined to consider only the interests of their assigned district.

Under the current at-large system, voters in Logan can vote for all five of the council seats every two years. However, under the district system proposed in the initiative, voters would be limited to voting for only one of the five council members every four years.

Voting districts can be beneficial when one or more districts have historically been disadvantaged compared to other geographic areas in the municipality. In the City of Logan, there are no geographical areas that have a significant percentage of any historically disadvantaged group.

Additional negative impacts of creating voting districts in Logan, as proposed by the initiative petition, are numerous and include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Decrease in voter participation in council elections because of the significant reduction in opportunities to vote.
- The tendency for elected council members to over represent their district and not the interests of the city as a whole.
- Potential for more council and neighborhood discord caused by competing district agendas.
- Smaller candidate pools for districts may result in some council seats being difficult to fill and some candidates running unopposed.
- Voting districts have shown to be a disadvantage to women running for office.
- Voting districts have the potential to increase negative campaigning because candidates are running against an individual instead of the entire field.

**ESTIMATE OF THE FISCAL AND LEGAL IMPACT OF THE INITIATIVE TO
AMEND CHAPTER 2.44 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.