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Sec. 8-14. Elections; sample ballots and informational/publicity pamphlets.

The following procedures relating to sample ballots and informational pamphlets are hereby adopted for conducting elections at which an initiative, referendum, matter referred to the qualified electors by the City Council or bond election for which an informational/publicity pamphlet is required are to be voted on.

(a) An informational/publicity pamphlet, containing the entire text of the official ballot, shall be mailed by the City Clerk to each household within the City in which a registered voter resides, not less than thirty-three (33) days prior to the election to which the informational/publicity pamphlet pertains.

(b) The pamphlet shall contain the proposition as it will appear on the ballot together with a summary of each proposition. Each summary shall be followed by any arguments supporting the proposition followed by any arguments opposing the proposition.

(c) Arguments supporting and opposing propositions and bond questions appearing on the ballot shall be filed with the office of the City Clerk by 5:00 p.m. not less than seventy-five (75) days prior to the election at which the propositions are to be voted upon. Arguments supporting or opposing propositions and bond questions appearing on the ballot shall meet the following requirements:

1. Arguments must relate to the propositions proposed by initiative; referred by referendum or referred by the City Council which will appear on the ballot. Arguments on bond authorization questions must be specific to a particular question.
2. Arguments must identify the proposition or bond question to which they refer and indicate whether the argument is in support of or opposition to the proposition or bond question.
3. Arguments may not exceed three hundred (300) words in length.
4. Arguments must be signed by the person or all the persons submitting them. Arguments submitted by organizations shall be signed on behalf of the organization by an officer of the organization authorized to take such action. All persons signing documents shall indicate their residence or post office address.
5. No person or organization shall submit more than one argument for each proposition or bond question to be voted upon.
6. Proper spelling, grammar, syntax and language are the responsibility of the person submitting the argument, not the City Clerk.

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7. The City Clerk shall have sole discretion over the translation of such submittal.

8. Each argument shall be accompanied by a non refundable fee in the amount of Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars to offset proportional costs of printing, paper and translation. This requirement shall not be waived on any account. Each argument shall be accompanied by an electronic version on a media compatible with the City's information systems as determined by the City Clerk.

9. For arguments on bond election questions, any matter not specifically addressed in this code shall be addressed in the manner provided by this code and/or state law for Initiative and Referendum Matters.

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(Ord. No. 94-86, 12/20/94, Amended subsections (a) and (c))

(Ord. No. 99-109, 12/14/99, Amended)

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