

ORDINANCE REGARDING THE CIRCULATION OF PETITIONS

Article I. Authority

This ordinance is enacted pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A. § 3001.

Article II. Applicability

This ordinance applies to any petition to be circulated in the Town of Hollis under state law regarding a local matter, including but not limited to petitions circulated pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A. § 2522 and 2528(5), and to any petition to be circulated in the Town of Hollis under town ordinance. If there are provisions in state law or other town ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance, the provisions in state law or other town ordinances control. If state law or town ordinances are silent on a particular provision of this ordinance, the provisions of this ordinance control.

Article III. Petition Process

- A. The petition shall commence by the circulators of the petition filing a copy of the petition, including the text of the petitioned item and the form of the signature pages, with the Town Clerk, who shall notify the municipal officers of the filing.
- B. All pages of the petition, including the text of the petitioned item and the signature pages, shall be uniform in size and style and shall be assembled for filing. The petition shall be examined by the town attorney before being submitted to the voters to assure accuracy in its text and references, clearness and preciseness in its phraseology, and consistency with all federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations, but the town attorney shall not materially change its meaning and effect.
- C. During the circulation, the signature pages of the petition shall contain or have attached the full text of the petitioned item. The petition shall be signed only by the voters of the town and shall include the address of each voter who signs.
- D. The signed signature pages must be filed with the Town Clerk within 90 days of the original filing with the Clerk. When the signature pages of the petition are filed with the Clerk, each signature page shall have attached to it an affidavit executed by the circulator stating:
 1. That the circulator personally circulated the petition
 2. That the signatures were affixed to the page in the circulator's presence
 3. That the circulator believes each signature to be that of the person whose name it purports to be
 4. That the signer, before signing, had an opportunity to read the full text of the petitioned item
 5. The number of signatures on the page

Any signed pages not filed within 90 days of the original filing are invalid.

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