

Petition in Place of Filing Fee Requirements – Minneapolis Municipal Offices, 2017 General Election

Signature requirements:

Office	Total Ballots Cast in Election District in November 5, 2013 General Election	Number of Signatures Required for Petition in Place of Filing Fee
Mayor	80,099	500
Board of Estimate & Taxation Member	80,099	500
Park & Recreation Commissioner at-Large	80,099	500
City Council Ward 1	5,942	298
City Council Ward 2	5,156	258
City Council Ward 3	6,206	311
City Council Ward 4	3,940	197
City Council Ward 5	3,621	182
City Council Ward 6	5,051	253
City Council Ward 7	6,594	330
City Council Ward 8	6,062	304
City Council Ward 9	4,310	216
City Council Ward 10	5,933	297
City Council Ward 11	7,800	390
City Council Ward 12	8,742	438
City Council Ward 13	10,742	500
Park & Recreation Commissioner District 1	11,532	500
Park & Recreation Commissioner District 2	8,457	423
Park & Recreation Commissioner District 3	12,381	500
Park & Recreation Commissioner District 4	12,827	500
Park & Recreation Commissioner District 5	16,379	500
Park & Recreation Commissioner District 6	18,523	500

Formula for number of required signatures:

The lesser of 500 or five percent of the total number of votes cast in the municipality, ward, or other election district at the preceding general election at which that office was on the ballot. Minneapolis municipal offices are up for election every four years, and the last general election for those offices was in 2013; therefore, the total number of required signatures for petitions in place of filing fees for each of those offices is based off of the total number of votes cast in each of their respective election districts during that election. Percentages based on the formula were computed and **rounded up to a full ballot.** (M.S. 204B.11, Subd. 2.; M.S. 205.13, Subd. 4.)

Collection of signatures; submission and verification of petitions:

The candidate filing period for the 2017 Municipal General Election is: **August 8, 2017 – August 15, 2017 at 5 p.m.**

Signatures for petitions may be obtained at any time before the close of the 2017 candidate filing period. Petitions themselves must be submitted by candidates to Elections & Voter Services (E&VS) during the candidate filing period along with their affidavit of candidacy. Once a petition is received, E&VS must complete verification of the petition as soon as practicable but **no later than ten working days** after the day on which the petition was filed. If there are enough valid signatures, E&VS notifies the candidate that the requirements have been met. If there are not enough valid signatures, E&VS notifies the petitioners of the number of signatures still required; the candidate then has until the end of the candidate filing period to submit any remaining required signatures. (Reiter vs. Kiffmeyer, A06-1508; M.S. 204B.11, Subd. 2.; M.S. 205.13, Subd. 1a.; M.R. 8205.1050)