

Recall Petition Overview

For more in-depth information, visit [Recall a City Elected Official](#).

1 File a Prospective Petition

Elected Officials become subject to recall petitions no sooner than SIX MONTHS after serving in their current term

A completed recall petition consists of:

- [Prospective Petition Sheet](#)
- [Signature Sheet](#)
- [Cover Sheet](#)
- Optional: [Electronic Signature Sheet](#)



Petitioners also must submit the following to the Secretary of State:

- [Statement of Organization for Petition Committee](#)

Once submitted, the Elections Office approves completed petitions for signature circulation within three business days.

2 Collect and Submit Signatures



Petitioners have 90 DAYS after filing the prospective petition to submit the required signatures

Required Number of Signatures: At least **47,788** valid signatures from voters registered within City limits

A signature is valid if the circulator:

- Personally witnessed the individual sign the petition, and
- Certifies the signature sheet by providing their signature and the date of certification

Petitioners must submit 100 percent of required signatures at once. The City Elections Office then verifies signatures within 10 days.

3 Resignation Period and Recall Election

If the City Elections Office verifies that the petitioner submitted a sufficient number of valid signatures, the elected official has FIVE DAYS to resign.

If the elected official resigns, a vacancy will occur, and a special election must be held to fill the vacancy.

If the elected official does not resign, a recall election will be held on a designated date after the resignation period.

Question on the ballot: "Do you vote to recall _____ from the office of _____?"



4 After the Election

The City Elections Office will certify the election results within 30 DAYS of the election.



If a majority of voters voted to recall the elected official, a vacancy occurs immediately after the City Elections Office receives the official abstract of votes from Multnomah County, and a special election must be held to fill the vacancy. Other than the City Auditor, City Charter does NOT allow for interim appointments to elected offices.