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On December 23, 2016 sponsors submitted a referendum petition to repeal AO 2016-124(S)(As Amended), which regards taxi cab regulation. The referendum petition was deemed legally sufficient by the Office of the Municipal Attorney on January 9, 2017 and was sponsored by twelve qualified voters. The Clerk's Office prepared a Master Form and sponsors began to collect the required 5,754 voter signatures.

Anchorage Municipal Charter states that a referendum petition shall be submitted to the voters at a regular or special election held not later than 75 days after the certification of the petition.

On Friday, February 17, 2017 the petition sponsors submitted their completed petition with at least 5,754 voter signatures.

Anchorage Municipal Charter allows the Clerk's Office 10 days for review of the petition signatures. The Clerk's Office seized the opportunity to have the petition on the ballot for the Regular Municipal Election on April 4, 2017 to save the cost of a special election, and expedited the review process. The Clerk's Office engaged the entire Assembly Department staff, and deemed the petition complete in 9 hours.

By including the repeal of AO 2016-124(S)(As Amended) on the ballot for the 2017 Regular Municipal Election, the Clerk's Office avoided a special election and saved municipal taxpayers approximately \$400,000.

For more information about the referendum petition to repeal AO 2016-124(S)(As Amended), which allows for additional permits and allows licensed taxicab dispatch service companies to use digital dispatch system amongst other changes, please go to www.muni.org/elections on the petitions page.

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