

CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Section 9

1. Original Charter section approved by voters April 7, 1931

Section 9. NOMINATIONS. Nominations of candidates for all elective offices shall be made by filing with the City Clerk, on forms prepared by him, at least thirty days before a primary election a petition stating the name of the candidate, his residence, the office for which he seeks nomination, the term for which he is running, occupation, years of residence in the City, previous public positions held in this City or elsewhere, and a written acceptance of nomination by the candidate. The petition of a candidate for the office of Councilman shall also state the years of residence in the district from which he seeks nomination. The information hereinabove required shall appear at the head of each petition of nomination, followed by the signature and legal residence of each petitioner written in ink or indelible pencil, and there shall be attached to each petition an affidavit of the person in charge of the petition that each signature has been made in his presence and, to the best of the belief of the affiant, is the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be.

Nominating petitions for elective officers other than Councilmen shall be signed by at least 300 qualified electors of the City. The petition of a candidate for the office of Councilman shall be signed by at least 200 qualified electors residing in the district from which the candidate seeks nomination, and names of electors not residing in such district shall not be counted. No person shall sign petitions of nomination for elective officers for a greater number of candidates than are to be elected. No petition of nomination shall be valid unless it conforms to the provisions of this Charter, and no name of any candidate shall be placed on the ballot at the primary election unless the nominating petition of such candidate shall conform substantially to the provisions of this section.

The City Clerk shall be allowed ten days after filing to examine and verify the signatures and other requirements of sufficiency. If the petition of nomination is found to be sufficient and in proper form, the City Clerk shall immediately so certify and place the name or names of candidates therein on the primary ballot in alphabetical order under the proper designation as to office, and cause to be published at least once in the official newspaper, the names of all offices to be filled and the names of candidates as they are to appear on the primary ballot. An insufficient petition may be returned to the person filing the same for additional signatures and the person named as nominee in the petition shall be notified immediately of the insufficiency. A supplementary petition may be presented as provided in the original petition, if such can be filed before the time of closing the nominations.

The City Clerk shall cause sample ballots and instructions to voters to be mailed to the registered electors entitled to vote at each municipal election.

2. Amendment voted 04-22-1941; effective 05-08-1941

See current Charter.