

Initiative Petition to Amend the Charter of the City of Daytona Beach

I am a registered voter of the City of Daytona Beach and hereby petition that the following amendment to the City Charter of the City of Daytona Beach be submitted to the City Commission of the City of Daytona Beach as required by Section 40 of the City Charter and, if the City Commission fails to pass the measure as proposed, that the measure be submitted to a vote of the electors of the City of Daytona Beach as provided in the City Charter.

Name (please print) _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

Zip: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

TITLE: Public Utility Control

SUMMARY: Reduces rates for water and sanitary sewer service 33% from the rates charged for fiscal year 2007-2008, with future increases of such rates limited to no more than 3.5% annually or the Consumer Price Index, whichever is less.

Article III, Section 5 of the City Charter is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5. Operate utilities and grant franchises.

(a) *Lights, heat and power.* The city commission shall have power to provide for lighting the streets, parks, public buildings and public places of the city; and to purchase or otherwise acquire, establish, maintain and operate plants either within or without the corporate limits of the city for lighting and heating by electricity, gas or any other method; and to supply the inhabitants of said city with artificial light, heat, and power, for domestic, business and other purposes, and to charge and collect reasonable rates, prices and compensation for furnishing and supplying the same.

(b) *Service of utilities to consumers outside city.* The City of Daytona Beach shall have power to supply water and electricity, sanitary sewer service, garbage and trash collections, and gas for domestic and other purposes, to individuals, firms and corporations outside the said city, and to charge and collect rates, prices and compensation therefor.

The City of Daytona Beach is also authorized to furnish fire protection and fire hydrant service outside the City of Daytona Beach to individuals, firms and corporations outside said city, and when such service is rendered the commission shall make reasonable charges therefor. Charges for water, sanitary sewer service, fire protection and fire hydrant service, shall be included in one bill to any individual, firm or corporation user outside the said city who contracts for such services, and upon failure of any individual, firm or corporation user to pay any charge for water, sanitary sewer service, fire protection and fire hydrant service or such of them as contracted for, the city is authorized to withhold all of such services from such user.

(c) Public utility rates for water and sanitary sewer service within the City of Daytona Beach shall be decreased 33% from the rates charged for fiscal year 2007-2008, with future increases of such rates limited to no more than 3.5% annually or the Consumer Price Index, whichever is less.

The following registered voters shall be officially regarded as filing the petition: Ron Bynum, 2616 S. Peninsula Drive, Daytona Beach, Florida 32118; Greg Gimbert, 255 Euclid Avenue, Daytona Beach, Florida 32118; Keon Williams 645 Dr. Mary Bethune BLVD., Lefevre #12, Daytona Beach, Florida 32114; Scott Jackson, 445 Dorothy Avenue, Daytona Beach, Florida 32117; George Smith, 1033 Chaffee PL., Daytona Beach, Florida 32116.

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