

APPLICATION FOR SERIAL NUMBER
Initiative or Referendum Petition
A.R.S. § 19-111

The undersigned intends to circulate and file an initiative or a referendum petition and hereby makes application for the issuance of an official serial number to be printed in the lower right-hand corner of each side of each signature sheet of such petition. Attached hereto is the full text, in no less than eight-point type, of the measure intended to be initiated or referred at the next general election.

Initiative Referendum

Date of Application

3/22/22

Signatures Required

203

Deadline for Filing

4/4/2022

Serial Number Issued

I2022-007

Enter a description of no more than two hundred words of the principal provisions of the proposed law or measure that will appear in no less than eight-point type on the face of each petition signature sheet to be circulated.

An initiative that limits the mayor and councilmembers to serve staggered four-year terms, but does not create a lifetime ban and does not retroactively count terms prior to the enactment of this measure.

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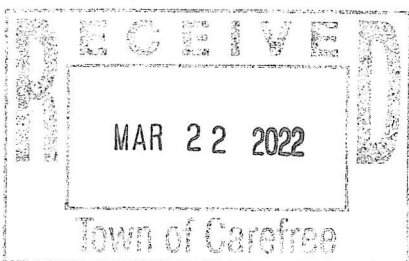
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*Pursuant to A.R.S. § 19-111(A), the clerk cannot accept an application without an accompanying Statement of Organization.

09/29/2021

**OFFICIAL TITLE: A PROPOSED COUNTER-INITIATIVE TO THE TOWN OF CAREFREE
CODE PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM LIMITATION OF TWO CONSECUTIVE
STAGGERED FOUR-YEAR TERMS FOR COUNCILMEMBERS AND MAYOR.**

TEXT OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Sec. 1 Findings

Concerned citizens of the Town of Carefree find and declare:

1. An existing initiative that is up for vote at the next general election, Serial Number I2021-003, wishes to limit all persons to serving a maximum of two two-year terms as Councilmember, and two two-year terms as Mayor.
2. That measure wishes to retroactively count terms that were served prior to the enactment of this measure, as well as terms that are currently being served, as part of the cumulative number of terms served.
3. Passage of that initiative, based on its language as written, would create a lifetime ban and therefore not allow any term-limited member from ever serving as Councilmember or Mayor again.
4. If the existing initiative were to pass, the knowledge base and expertise necessary for smooth operation of the Town's business in the best interest of its citizens would be at great risk.
5. This counter-initiative would also result in term limits, but in a way that more clearly defines the path and preserves valuable continuity and critical knowledge base.

Sec. 2

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE TOWN OF CAREFREE:

The following section is amending the Carefree Town Codes 2-1-9 LIMITATION OF TERMS and 2-2-1 SELECTION OF MAYOR:

Section 2-1-9 Limitation of Terms

No person shall be eligible to be elected or appointed to the office of councilmember for more than two consecutive four-year terms, and no person shall be eligible to be elected or appointed to the office of mayor for more than two consecutive four-year terms. No person who serves as councilmember or mayor for two consecutive terms shall be eligible to hold either office until four years have elapsed.

The six persons elected or appointed to the offices of Councilmember shall serve staggered terms of four years.

The six councilmember positions will be divided into two classes. The first class, composed of the three councilmembers who received the fewest number of votes in the 2022 general election, will hold office until the next general election in 2024. The second class, composed of the three remaining councilmembers who received the highest number of votes in the 2022 general election, will hold office for terms of four years each and until their successors are elected and qualified.

Therefore, at the first regular election held in 2024 after the adoption of this system, three council members will be elected. Thereafter, members of the council will be elected in classes of three at successive, regular elections and will hold office for one four-year term and until their successors are elected and qualified.

Section 2-2-1 Selection of Mayor

The mayor shall be directly elected by the vote of qualified electors. Any candidate who shall receive at the primary election a majority of all votes shall be declared elected to office, and no further election shall be held. In the event that no candidate shall receive a majority of votes cast for mayor in the primary election, Section 2-3-3 of the town code shall apply. The first direct election for the mayor shall be in 2011. The term of mayor shall be four years.