

City of Circleville

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To the Petition Committee:

The City of Circleville Auditor's Office has received and reviewed the referendum petition submitted on October 1, 2026, concerning Ordinance 09.53.2026. Under Ohio Revised Code 731.29, a referendum petition must contain valid signatures equal to at least thirty-five percent (35%) of the number of electors who voted for Governor in the municipality at the last gubernatorial election.

Based on certified election data, the minimum number of valid signatures required is 1,385.

In accordance with statute, all signatures were submitted to the Pickaway County Board of Elections for verification. The Board reviewed voter registration status, residency, and signature validity. Their certified results are as follows:

- Total signatures submitted: 1,486
- Valid signatures: 1,011
- Required valid signatures: 1,385

Because the petition contains 374 fewer valid signatures than required, it does not meet the statutory threshold. As a result, I have deemed this petition invalid due to not meeting the threshold requirement of signatures and I cannot certify such for placement on the ballot. The referenced ordinance will therefore remain in effect. Attached is the letter received from the Board of Elections with the validation of the number of signatures.

If your committee wishes to review the Board of Elections' verification report or obtain copies of the Auditor's findings, please contact my office.

Regards,

Mark C. Bidwell

Auditor, City of Circleville

Enclosure: Board of Elections Signature Validation