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INITIATIVE PETITION - CERTIFICATION

DS-22-076

June 14, 2022

Power of Initiative

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- Per charter, any initiative ordinance may be submitted to the City Council by a petition signed by qualified electors of the city equal in number to at least 25% of the number of voters in the last municipal election of the mayor and at-large councilmembers

Submitted Initiative

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- On May 25, 2022 an initiative petition supporting an ordinance that would eliminate low-level marijuana enforcement in the City of Killeen was filed with the City Secretary's office

Certification

- After completing the examination of the petition, the city secretary shall certify the results to the City Council at its regular meeting
- The May 7th election had a voter turnout of 4,072. The required number of registered City of Killeen voters signing the petition is 1,018 (25% of 4,072)
- Review of the petition has been completed and it is certified that the submitted petition has a sufficient number of signatures and was filed and completed as required by charter

Next Steps

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- City Council shall conduct a public hearing on the proposed ordinance and consider the ordinance not later than 60 days from today (August 13, 2022)
- If the City Council approves the ordinance as submitted, it becomes effective upon its passage
- If the City Council fails to pass the ordinance or it is passed in a different form than set forth in the petition, the ordinance shall be submitted to the electors

Election

- The next uniform election is November 8, 2022 and if an election is to be held, it must be ordered by August 22, 2022
- Upcoming meeting dates to hold a public hearing and consider the proposed ordinance are:
 - ▣ June 21 Workshop / June 28 Regular Meeting
 - ▣ July 5 Workshop / July 12 Regular Meeting
 - ▣ July 19 Workshop / July 26 Regular Meeting
 - ▣ August 2 Workshop / August 9 Regular Meeting

Recommendation

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- Staff recommends City Council provide a motion of direction to bring the submitted initiative ordinance eliminating low-level marijuana enforcement in the City of Killeen back to one of the proposed meeting dates for a public hearing and consideration