

BCC Mtg. Date: March 7, 2017

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 10, 2017

**ORDINANCE NO. 2017-05**

**AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO INITIATIVE  
PETITION GATHERERS; ENACTING A NEW SECTION  
2-4 OF THE ORANGE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES  
ENTITLED "BADGE REQUIREMENTS FOR INITIATIVE  
PETITION GATHERERS;" PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE  
DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the 2016 Orange County Charter Review Commission ("CRC") approved proposed amendment to Section 601 and 602 of the Orange County charter related to initiative and referendum for inclusion on the 2016 general election ballot; and

**WHEREAS**, the CRC's proposed Charter amendments established procedural and substantive changes in the initiative petition process in order to provide a clear and concise guide for petitioners to follow in seeking to amend the County Charter and to adopt, amend, or repeal ordinances; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Charter amendments included a requirement that petition gatherers collecting signatures for a County initiative petition display a badge indicating whether the gatherer is a "paid" gatherer or a "volunteer" gatherer in a form and manner established by ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 8, 2016, the CRC's proposed Charter amendments related to initiative and referendum were approved by 66.71% of the voters of Orange County; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the approved Charter amendments, the Board of County Commissioners desires to adopt this Ordinance establishing a badge requirement for initiative petition gatherers.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

***Section 1. Enactment of New Section 2-4, Badge Requirements for Initiative  
Petition Gatherers.*** Section 2-4, Orange County Code, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 2. ADMINISTRATION**

**ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL**

***Section 2-4. Badge requirements for initiative petition gatherers.***

- (a) Any individual who gathers signatures in person for a county initiative petition who is not being paid to do so shall display a

badge stating the words "VOLUNTEER GATHERER" in a bold-faced type that is clearly legible.

(b) Any individual who gathers signatures in person for a county initiative petition who is being paid to do so shall display a badge stating the words "PAID GATHERER" in a bold-faced type that is clearly legible.

(c) The badges required by subsections (a) and (b) shall be at least four inches (4") wide by three inches (3") long and shall be displayed on the chest of the petition gatherer in clear view of anyone signing or asked to sign the petition. The print on the badge shall be no smaller than 30-point font.

**Section 2. Effective date.** This ordinance shall become effective pursuant to general law.

ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF MARCH, 2017.

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
By: Board of County Commissioners

By: Teresa Jacobs  
for Orange County Mayor

ATTEST: Phil Diamond, CPA, County Comptroller  
As clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

By: Jennifer Klimetz  
for Deputy Clerk

