



# Municipality of Skagway

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Carol Nelson  
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Dear Carol,

I have reviewed the initiative petition you submitted on October 21, 2022, and I hereby certify that it is sufficient. The initiative reads:

“The E.A. Jenny Rasmuson Community Health Center Building and the Dahl Memorial Clinic business shall not be leased or sold without ratification by public vote.”

Sponsors of the petition were required to secure 125 valid signatures by February 1, 2023, for certification of the petition; sponsors secured 149 valid signatures. Please see the enclosed spreadsheet for my findings.

Here is the applicable Alaska State Statute:

## Sec. 29.26.170. Initiative election.

- (a) Unless substantially the same measure is adopted, when a petition seeks an initiative vote, the clerk shall submit the matter to the voters at the next regular election or, if already scheduled, special election occurring not sooner than 60 days after certification of the petition. If no election is scheduled to occur within 75 days after the certification of a petition and the governing body determines it is in the best interest of the municipality, the governing body may by ordinance order a special election to be held on the matter before the next election that is already scheduled, but not sooner than 60 days after certification of the petition.
- (b) If the governing body adopts substantially the same measure, the petition is void, and the matter initiated may not be placed before the voters.
- (c) The ordinance or resolution initiated shall be published in full in the notice of the election, but may be summarized on the ballot to indicate clearly the proposal submitted.
- (d) If a majority vote favors the ordinance or resolution, it becomes effective upon certification of the election, unless a different effective date is provided in the ordinance or resolution.

Please contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

Steve Burnham Jr.  
Borough Clerk