



## Let me break down the process of section 5.2 of our charter:

Step 1 -hire a lawyer to create a petition **(and you're lucky if you find one that doesn't have a conflict of interest or that wants to take the case)**

Step 2 - Sign engagement letter with attorney that includes a cost/retainer between \$3500-\$5000 just for the petition.

Step 3 - Submit the proposed petition to the Village for approval. **(minimum 6-week process as they offer no help, and you burn through the retainer with your attorney)**

Step 4 - Find 10 neighbors that are willing to join the required Petition Committee to lead the effort.

Step 5 -After your attorney finalizes the required Petition Committee Affidavit and the Petition Forms you wait for the Village Clerk to accept and approve it. **(Searching for a lawyer and getting your petition approved takes +/- 60-90 days)**

Step 6 - Prepare hundreds of petition packets to collect signatures.

Step 7 - Organize your neighbors to start collecting signatures to reach the required amount within 60 days. Including petition drive throughs and knocking on doors every day,

Step 8 -Coordinate meetings between petition signature collectors and notaries to notarize hundreds of packets.

Step 9 - Once you've reached the number of signatures required you have to submit the entire packet to the Village Clerk so that the council can reconsider their ordinance/decision. If the council refuses to reverse the ordinance, then you are forced to step 10 which is a referendum.

Step 10 - Village Clerk submits petitions to the Supervisor of Elections

Step 11 - Supervisor of Electors will verify and certify each signature

Step 12 - Wait for the Village Clerk to notify you that the petitions have been certified (approximately 2 weeks)

Step 13 - Once petitions are certified Village is required to prepare the ballot language and hold an election no later than 120 days from the date of certification - **IN OUR CASE IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 3RD AND THE COUNCIL DIDN'T DO THAT. WHY?**

Step 14 - Hire another lawyer and pay another retainer to force the Village to prepare the ballot language - **PETITIONERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO WRITE THE BALLOT LANGUAGE. (approximately 1 month)**

Step 15 - Village is to coordinate with the Supervisor of Elections to schedule the election date - **THE COUNCIL FAILED TO DO THIS. WHY?**

Step 16 - Once again we were forced to hire another attorney (with more retainers) to sue the Village to ensure that the election would be held.

Step 17 - Required residents to form a legal Political Committee to be able to collect monies for the legal costs in the tens of thousands of dollars and we are grateful for all of the donations from our neighbors.

Step 18 - Hire a certified public accountant to help prepare the required financial forms that are filed with the Village Clerk along with other agencies.

Step 19 - Attorney's submit arguments to the court, attend hearings, and wait on the court's decision.

Step 20 - Upon court's agreement to hear the case, Village begins scheduling a tentative election date.

Step 21 - Council is to approve the ballot language and proposed election date but they dragged that out for 2 more months in order to pass other zoning changes prior to your vote. **WHY?**

Step 22 - Now you organize your supporters to inform the rest of the neighbors as to the coming election. Including ordering yard signs, flyers to be placed throughout the Village and knocking on doors after your full day of work and on the weekends.

**I'm sure there are other things left off the list. The onus should not be on the residents to be heard and their vote respected. The Council is supposed to work for us and not the other way around.**

**Don't be misled by section 5.2 of our charter, it's there to give you false hopes that you can easily reverse a council decision.**

**Who wants to go through this process and why would they make it so difficult?**

**Vote YES on Amendment 4.11**

**YES = NO HIGHRISES WITHOUT YOUR VOTE**