

such incumbent. The procedure to effect the removal of an incumbent of an elective office shall be as follows: A petition signed by electors entitled to vote for a successor to the incumbent sought to be removed equal in number to at least twenty-five per cent. of the entire vote for all candidates for the office of Mayor of the last preceding general town election, demanding an election of a successor of the person sought to be removed shall be filed with the town clerk, which petition shall contain a general statement of the grounds for which the removal is sought. If the petition shall be found to be sufficient, the Council shall order and fix a date for holding the said election, not less than thirty days nor more than forty days from the date of the clerk's certificate to the Council that a sufficient petition is filed. The Council shall make, or cause to be made, publication of notice and all arrangements for holding such election, and the same shall be conducted, returned and the result thereof declared, in all respects as are other town elections. The successor of any officer so removed shall hold office during the unexpired term of his predecessor. Any person sought to be removed may be a candidate to succeed himself, and unless he requests otherwise in writing, the clerk shall place his name on the official ballot without nomination.

SEC. 22. Any proposed ordinance may be submitted to the Council by petition, signed by electors of the town equal in number to the percentage hereinafter required; if the petition is signed by electors equal in number to twenty-five per centum of the votes cast for all candidates for Mayor at the last preceding general election, and contains a request that the ordinance be submitted to a vote of the people if not passed by the Council, such Council shall either (a) pass said ordinance without alteration within twenty days after attachment of the clerk's certificate to the petition, or (b) forthwith after the clerk shall attach to the petition his certificates of sufficiency, the Council shall call a special election unless a general town election is fixed within ninety days thereafter, and at such special or general election such ordinance shall be submitted without alteration to the vote of the town electors, but if the petition is signed by not less than ten nor more than twenty-five per centum of the electors as above defined, then the Council shall within twenty days pass said ordinance without change, or submit the same at the next general town election occurring not more than thirty days after the clerk's certificate of sufficiency is attached; if a majority of the qualified electors voting on the proposed ordinance shall vote in favor thereof, such ordinance shall thereupon become a valid and binding ordinance proposed by and any ordinance proposed by petition or which shall be adopted by a vote of the people cannot be re-