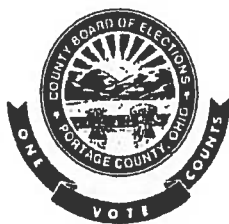


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July 5, 2017

Hand Delivered

Tara Grimm, Clerk
City of Kent
320 S. Depeyster St.
Kent, OH 44240

Re: Charter Amendment by Petition Initiative – Sanctuary City

Dear Ms. Grimm:

Enclosed please find the original petitions which we received from you on June 30, 2017. We have checked the eighteen part-petitions with 591 submitted signatures. We find that there are 432 valid signatures on the petitions submitted. Based upon Kent City Charter, Section 4.05 and my conversation with Law Director, Jim Silver the number of required signatures is 10% of those persons in Kent which voted in the November 2015 election. That number is 398.

We await the ordinance from the City of Kent regarding placing this issue on the November 7, 2017 election. Please note that this ordinance must be filed with the Board of Elections prior to August 9, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. Let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Theresa Nielsen
Deputy Director

pc: Lee Brooker w/o enclosures by Regular Mail



**PETITION FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED
AMENDMENT TO CHARTER**

Constitution of Ohio, Art. XVIII, Section 9 and 14; Revised Code 731.28 - .41,3503.06
To be signed by ten percent of the electors, based upon the total vote cast
at the last preceding general municipal election.

NOTICE - Whoever knowingly signs this petition more than once, signs a name other than his own, or signs when not a legal voter, is liable to prosecution.

To the Council, the Legislative authority of the City of Kent, Ohio:

We, the undersigned, qualified electors of the City of Kent Ohio, respectfully petition the legislative authority to forthwith provide by Ordinance, for the submission to the electors of the City of Kent, Ohio, the following proposed amendment to the Charter of the City of Kent, Ohio to-wit:

Initiative to Declare Kent to Be a Sanctuary City

Expressing the desire for Kent to be a welcoming and inclusive city for all immigrants to live, work, or visit by declaring Kent to be a Sanctuary City.

WHEREAS, the City of Kent has long considered itself a city of immigrants and

WHEREAS, the City of Kent has long prohibited discrimination based on race, color, ethnicity, national origin, or other protected characteristics in the provision of its services and intends to continue to make its services available to all its residents, regardless of their federal immigration status; and

WHEREAS, it is particularly essential to the mission of the City's emergency services departments that victims report crimes or injuries, cooperate fully in investigations, and summon help when needed; and

WHEREAS, no other City department inquires into the immigration status of individuals before making government services available to that individual; and

WHEREAS, enforcement of federal immigration laws is the prerogative of federal enforcement agencies, not local law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, the threat of deportation or prosecution for no other reason than immigration status may discourage residents without legal immigration status or who have family members or friends without legal immigration status from reporting crimes or injuries, cooperating in investigations, seeking opportunities for their children living in this community, or summoning help when needed; and

WHEREAS, federal law does not require local law enforcement or other local service providers to inquire into an individual's immigration status or to respond to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement detainer requests, so the principles of Sanctuary Cities are not inconsistent with federal law

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by Initiative by the People of Kent, Ohio, that the City Charter be amended to enact a new section 12.06 titled "Sanctuary City" which shall read as follows:

Since the citizens of the City of Kent hereby express a desire for Kent to be a welcoming and inclusive city for all immigrants to live, work, or visit, the City of Kent is hereby declared to be a Sanctuary City, whose administration and law enforcement will not coordinate or cooperate with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, nor with any other federal agency, regarding the immigration status of any Kent Resident.

We hereby designate the following persons as a committee to represent the petitioners in all matters relating to this petition and its circulation:

Initiative to Declare Kent to be a Sanctuary City



Lee John Brooker, 814 Hudson Road, Kent, Ohio 44240

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Ian Hogan, 631 Silver Meadows Boulevard, Kent, Ohio 44240

Ian Hogan

Perry Martin Phillips, 616 Edgewood Drive, Kent, Ohio 44240

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Vivien Elizabeth Sandlund, 654 Woodside Drive, Kent, Ohio 44240

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James Brian Voneida, 211 Crain Avenue, Kent, Ohio 44240

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LAW DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report



5/1/17 to 6/30/17

- 1) Prepare or reviewed contracts for the following:
 - a) Beder for KSU services
 - b) Farmers Market
 - c) EDG for Construction Inspection Services
 - d) Celebrate Kent Grants (5)
 - e) Drafted Lease for Cene's
 - f) MSK, Inc. for downtown landscape admin
 - g) Social Services funding grants (12)
 - h) Euthenics Engineering for Tonkin St. improvements
 - i) South Chestnut St. sewer project
 - j) Purchase agreement for 500 Middlebury Road
 - k) F&CS for maintenance
 - l) Utility Contracting, Inc. for River St. storm outlet
 - m) Parran Electric for West Main St. signalization
 - n) GPD Group for engineering services for West Main Street signalization
- 2) Festival insurance form applications: Heritage Fest, Farmers Market Festival, Dog Days, Queen of Hearts, Grill for Good
- 3) Did research in the following areas:
 - a) Utility right of way
 - b) Recycling
 - c) Utilities
 - d) Summit St. projects
 - e) Bids for 3 projects and bidding procedures
 - f) Construction contracts
 - g) Roberts Rules of Order
 - h) Initiative petitions
- 4) Prosecution: Fifty Five (55) hearings (trials, pre-trials or suppression hearings) (February & March).
- 5) Molai v. Standing Rock Cemetery Board – set for final Pretrial and Trail in September
- 6) Summit Gardens v. City of Kent – set for Trail
- 7) One new claim against the City for discrimination – no lawsuit filed yet. In review process with Ohio Civil Rights Commission.