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CITY OF SPARKS
CLERK OF THE CITY CLERK
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The Honorable Linda Patterson
Clerk, City of Sparks
Sparks Nevada

I have received your query and have listed responses below in regard to the guidelines for the City of Sparks to place a ballot question on the 2012 General Election ballot and to include a page dedicated to the City's ballot question in the Sample Ballot. that would require the City to provide the ballot question, the explanation, fiscal impact statement and arguments for and against the ballot question provided by the arguments committees , to be appointed by the City Council

1. **Deadline for Filing:**

A ballot question must be filed with the Registrar of Voters Department no later than 5:00 p.m. on the third Monday in July: (that 's July 16, 2012) and must include the question, explanation, fiscal impact statement, if required and arguments and rebuttals to arguments for and against its passage t the time of filing .

2. **Projected Cost to the City:**

Assuming a voter population in Sparks of 45,000 by the time of the 2012 General Election and the .15 cents cost per voter established in our annual interlocal agreement, the cost to the City of Sparks for the 2012 General Election would be \$6,750.

Assuming a single page in a 48-page Sample Ballot would be dedicated to the City of Spark's proposed ballot question, to include; the question, explanation, the financial impact statement, if needed, and the arguments for and against and rebuttals the cost to the City of Sparks would be \$2,229.

This means a total cost to be charged to the City of Sparks of approximately \$8,979.

3. **Can a sitting Councilman serve on a Arguments Committee?:**Yes, anyone from the district (i.e. City) who is known to be in support of or in opposition to the ballot question may serve on either the for and against arguments committee

I hope this answers you questions.

Please feel free to call me if you have any additional questions regarding this matter

Dan Burk
Registrar of Voters

