

REFERENDUM PETITION

BALLOT TITLE: AMENDING ORANGE COUNTY CHARTER TO PROHIBIT EXPENDITURES FOR CERTAIN CAPITAL PROJECTS WITHOUT PRIOR VOTER APPROVAL

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT: The proposed amendment would limit the power of Orange County to spend tax revenues to acquire, construct, reconstruct, or renovate facilities to accommodate a National Basketball Association franchise team (such as the Orlando Magic), sports stadiums (such as the Citrus Bowl), or sports arenas. It would require referendum voter approval for each individual facility. The proposed amendment would not apply to a facility with an anticipated cost of less than \$25,000,000.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

FULL TEXT OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Article 10. Use of Taxes, Including but not Limited to Tourist Development Tax and Ad Valorem Tax, for Facilities to Accommodate a National Basketball Association Franchise Team (Such as the Orlando Magic), Sports Stadiums (Such as Citrus Bowl), or Sports Arenas.

(1) No taxes, including but not limited to the tourist development tax or ad valorem taxes, shall be spent or pledged by the County to acquire, construct, reconstruct, or renovate facilities to accommodate a National Basketball Association franchise team (such as the Orlando Magic), sports stadiums (such as the Citrus Bowl), or sports arenas, or to pay the debt service on bonds issued to finance any of the foregoing unless the individual facility is approved by the majority of the votes cast in a referendum to approve the use of taxes for such purpose. The referendum for voter approval shall occur prior to the later to occur of (i) the expenditure of taxes spent or pledged by the County for any such purpose or (ii) the issuance of bonds, if any, secured by taxes pledged by the County for any such purpose. Each facility must be separately approved by voters. Voter approval shall not be required for a facility with an anticipated cost of less than \$25,000,000.

(2) This Article 10 shall specifically apply to any bonds to be issued for the construction, reconstruction, or renovation of the Citrus Bowl or Event Center (to host the Orlando Magic) approved by the Orange County Board of County Commissioners on July 26, 2007.

(3) This amendment shall take effect as of the date approved by referendum.

(4) If any portion of this measure is held invalid for any reason, the remaining portion of this measure, to the fullest extent possible, shall be severed from the void portion and given the fullest possible force and effect.

I, the below-signed elector of Orange County, Florida, request a referendum election be held on whether to amend the Charter of Orange County, Florida per the above, pursuant to Article VI of the Orange County Charter.

_____/_____/_____
Date Signature (in ink) Date of Birth

Printed Name Voter ID Number (optional)

Residential Street Address, City, County, State, Zip Code