

A Voter Initiative in the City of Edmonds for a Council - City Manager form of government

Sponsored by the Edmonds Neighbors Political Action Committee

To City Council of the City of Edmonds and to County Auditor of Snohomish County:

We, the undersigned registered voters residing within the City of Edmonds, by signing this initiative petition express our support for the holding of an election so the voters of the City of Edmonds can decide whether to change from the current mayor-council form of government to the council-manager form of government. RCW 35A.06.030 and 35A.06.040. A full, true and correct copy of the ordinance is printed on the reverse side of this petition. Each of us for himself or herself says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a legal voter in the city of Edmonds, my residence address is correctly stated, and I have knowingly signed this petition only once.

INITIATIVE PETITION FOR SUBMISSION TO THE PEOPLE

Ballot title: Adoption of the Council – Manager form of government within the city of Edmonds, Washington

Ballot initiative Summary: This ballot initiative will determine whether the City of Edmonds should abandon the current mayor-council form of government and adopt the council-city manager form of government. If passed, the council- manager form of government shall be effective January 1, 2027.

WARNING: EVERY PERSON who signs this petition with any other than his or her true name, knowingly signs more than one of these petitions, signs this petition when he or she is not a legal voter, or makes any false statement on this petition may be punished by fine or imprisonment or both.

<u>Signature (As on Voter Registration)</u>	<u>Print Name</u>	<u>Address where you are registered</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Zip</u>	<u>Date</u>
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COMPLETE TEXT of ORDINANCE:

This ordinance is placed before the voters of the city per [35A.06.040](#).

Section 1. Election to change the form of government. The Edmonds City Council requests and calls for the Snohomish County Auditor to present to the voters in the 2026 general election whether the city should abandon the mayor-council form of government and adopt the council- manager form of government, as provided under chapter 35A.06 Revised Code of Washington (RCW).

If this initiative is passed, the effective date for the council – manager form is January 1, 2027. The current mayor serves out the remainder of their term as the 8th member of City Council.

Section 2. Ballot Provision. The proposition to be submitted to the voters will be in the form of a ballot to read as follows:

ADOPTION OF THE COUNCIL-MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT WITHIN THE CITY OF EDMONDS, WASHINGTON

Shall the city of Edmonds adopt the council-manager form of government and abandon the mayor-council form of government beginning January 1, 2027? The adoption of the council-manager form of government would not affect the city’s continuing status as a code city governed under Title 35A Revised Code of Washington.

FOR ADOPTION OF THE COUNCIL-MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT []

AGAINST ADOPTION OF THE COUNCIL-MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT []

Section 3. Filing with County Auditor. The city clerk is directed to file a certified copy of this initiative with the Snohomish County Auditor within the time established by the auditor to place the initiative on the 2026 general election ballot.

Section 4. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this initiative is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity or unconstitutionality does not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 5. Effective Date. The effective date for the council – manager form is January 1, 2027. The current mayor serves out the remainder of their term as the 8th member of City Council.

Mail this signed petition to:

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