

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS  
AGENDA ITEM  
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

**DEPARTMENT:** City Clerk

**AGENDA DATE:** December 8, 2009 – Introduction  
December 15, 2009 – Public Hearing

**CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:** Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk, 541-4127

**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** All

**SUBJECT:**

Domestic Partnership Benefits Initiative Petition filed on November 10, 2009.

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

On November 10, 2009, an initiative petition was filed with the City Clerk's Office, "The undersigned ask the El Paso City Council pass the following ordinance: The city of El Paso endorses traditional family values by making health benefits available only to city employees and their legal spouse and dependent children." On November 23, 2009, the City Clerk certified the petition as having the requisite number of signatures.

Section 3.11 (Initiative) of the City Charter states that upon verification of the petition, the Ordinance must be placed on the Agenda of a Council meeting to be held within thirty working days of receipt. The provision further states that this Ordinance is to be treated by the Council as any other proposed ordinance. Under other Charter provisions, all proposed ordinances must be introduced and published before a public hearing is held and action may be taken.

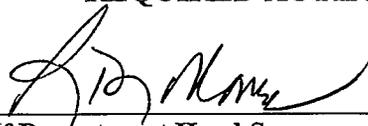
Thus, pursuant to all applicable City Charter provisions and requirements, the City Clerk is presenting this petition to the City Council within the 30 working days specified.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

City Council approved the Domestic Partnership benefits in the FY 2010 Budget Resolution.

\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:**



(If Department Head Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)

*Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager*

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

The City of El Paso endorses traditional family values by making health benefits available only to city employees and their legal spouse and dependent children.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

CITY OF EL PASO

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John F. Cook, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Richarda Duffy Momsen  
City Clerk

Source: Initiative Petition