

Petition to the Austin City Council
AN INITIATIVE PETITION ORDINANCE
NO STADIUMS ON PUBLIC LAND WITHOUT A PUBLIC VOTE!

We, the undersigned registered voters of the City of Austin, support a proposed ordinance by initiative requiring that any sale, lease, conveyance, mortgage, or alienation of City-owned land for a sports facility, sports arena, and/or concert stadium shall require City Council and voter approval before it can become effective. Therefore we, the undersigned, propose the following initiative ordinance be placed on the next available municipal election for a vote of the citizens of Austin:

CAPTION: "A citizen petitioned ordinance requiring that any sale, lease, conveyance, mortgage or alienation of City-owned land for a sports stadium, sports facility, sports arena, and/or entertainment stadium, entertainment facility or entertainment arena shall require city council supermajority approval and voter approval, that any site development permits and variances related thereto shall require city council supermajority approval and voter approval if such sale, lease, conveyance, mortgage, or other alienation of said City-owned land has not already obtained voter approval, that such facility shall post payment and performance bonds and shall pay ad valorem taxes or payments equal to the amount thereof, and that all information concerning such sale, lease, conveyance, mortgage or alienation shall be disclosed to the public."

ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN MAY SIGN THIS PETITION. Please fill in ALL blanks that are NOT optional.

If you circulated this petition beyond your household, please print your name here: _____ and your phone number here: _____. Thank you!

This is a two-page petition.

The entire text of this ordinance is on the reverse of this page or attached as a second page.

DATE SIGNED	SIGNATURE ----- PRINTED NAME	STREET ADDRESS	COUNTY (check one)	Date of Birth OR VOTER REGISTRATION	EMAIL (optional) ----- PHONE (optional)
___/___/2018	SIGN name below: _____ PRINT name below: _____	Street no. and name: _____ Austin TX Zip code: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Travis <input type="checkbox"/> Williamson	___/___/___ OR Voter no. _____	
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- Part 1.** The City shall not sell, lease, convey, mortgage, or otherwise alienate any City-owned land that will be used as a sports stadium, sports facility, sports arena, and/or entertainment stadium, entertainment facility or entertainment arena unless approved by an affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the members of the City Council and by a majority of the qualified voters in a municipal election, submitting the question and setting forth the final terms and conditions under which such sale, lease, conveyance, mortgage, or alienation is to be made, including, without limitation, a list of any ad valorem taxes from which the proposed stadium, facility, or arena and land will be exempt.
- Part 2.** No such sale, lease, conveyance, mortgage, or alienation shall be effective unless and until the lessee, buyer, mortgagee, beneficiary, or recipient of the City-owned land posts with the City Attorney of the City a payment and performance bond guaranteeing the lessee's, buyer's, mortgagee's, beneficiary's, or recipient's payment and performance of all of its obligations under said lease, conveyance, mortgage, or other alienation in an amount approved and accepted by the affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the members of the City Council.
- Part 3.** The City shall require that the lessees, purchasers, or recipients of said City-owned land shall pay all ad valorem taxes each tax year due on said land and any improvements in any agreement relating to such sale, lease, conveyance, mortgage, or other alienation; or, if such land is determined to be exempt from taxation, the City shall require said lessees, purchasers, or recipients to make an annual payment in lieu of taxes to the City in an amount equal to the ad valorem taxes which would have been owed in that tax year to the tax assessor-collector for all taxing entities taken together if the land and improvements had been determined to be taxable.
- Part 4.** Notwithstanding any exceptions to public disclosure pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act which could be claimed by the City, any party, or its agents or representatives, to any such agreement relating to such sale, lease, conveyance, mortgage, or other alienation, all agreements, documents, files, communications and records relating to the sale, lease, conveyance, mortgage, or other alienation of said City-owned land shall be promptly disclosed to the public upon request by any person and shall be deemed public information under the Texas Public Information Act.
- Part 5.** This ordinance shall apply to any sale, lease, conveyance, mortgage, or other alienation of any City-owned land that will be used as a sports stadium, sports facility, sports arena, and/or entertainment stadium, entertainment facility or entertainment arena regardless of the effective date of the sale, lease, conveyance, mortgage, or other alienation.
- Part 6.** The City shall require the submittal and customary review of applications for a site development permit and all variances related thereto or necessary for the development of any such sports stadium, sports facility, sports arena, entertainment stadium, entertainment facility and/or entertainment arena on or to be located on City-owned land to go through the City's normal development review processes, and said site development permit and variances shall not be valid or approved unless and until they are approved by the affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the members of the City Council.
- Part 7.** The site development permit for any sports stadium, sports facility, sports arena, entertainment stadium, entertainment facility and/or entertainment arena on or to be located on City-owned land must be approved by a majority of the qualified voters of the City in a municipal election prior to the construction of the sports stadium, sports facility, sports arena, entertainment stadium, entertainment facility and/or entertainment arena if the sale, lease, conveyance, mortgage, or other alienation of said City-owned land has not been submitted to the voters in a municipal election pursuant to Part 1, hereof.
- Part 8.** The lessee, recipient, mortgagee, or other beneficiary of City-owned land on which a sports stadium, sports facility, sports arena, and/or entertainment stadium, entertainment facility or entertainment arena is or will be constructed shall be responsible for all off-site infrastructure costs and municipal services costs related to or necessitated by the construction and operation of the facility, arena, or stadium, including, without limitation, vehicle and pedestrian transportation, additions, improvements or alterations to mass transit, wet and dry utilities, parking infrastructure, police service, fire service, and Emergency Medical Services.
- Part 9.** This ordinance shall be liberally construed to ensure the public's right to all and complete information about and to vote on sales, leases, conveyances, mortgages or alienations of City land for any sports stadium, sports facility, sports arena, and/or entertainment stadium, entertainment facility or entertainment arena before it can become effective.
- Part 10.** If any provision of this Ordinance or its application to any circumstances or person is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared severable to the maximum extent allowed by law.
- Part 11.** This Ordinance shall be effective as of the date that it is adopted by a majority of the voters of the City of Austin.