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**INITIATIVE PETITION TO THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF SPOKANE****INITIATIVE NO. 2021 - 2**

We, the undersigned citizens and legal voters of the City of Spokane, Washington, respectfully direct that this proposed City Charter amendment, known as Initiative No. 2021-2, a full, true and correct copy of which is printed herein, be submitted to the electors of the City of Spokane for their approval or rejection at the next available special or general municipal election. The proposed City Charter amendment shall appear as the following proposition:

**BALLOT TITLE****CHARTER AMENDMENT ADOPTING THE SPOKANE CLEANER ENERGY PROTECTION ACT**

Shall the Spokane City Charter be amended to adopt the Spokane Cleaner Energy Protection Act – preventing the City from adopting any code, ordinance, or regulation that would prohibit the use of hydroelectric power or natural gas?

YES  
 NO

Each of us for himself or herself says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a legal voter of the City of Spokane; my residence address is correctly stated; and I have knowingly signed this petition only once.

*(The full text of the proposed City Charter amendment is printed on the reverse side of this page)*

<b>PETITIONER'S SIGNATURE</b> <i>(in dark ink and as shown on the signer's voter registration)</i>	<b>PRINTED NAME</b> <i>(legibly in dark ink)</i>	<b>ADDRESS WHERE REGISTERED TO VOTE</b>			
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City Business Registration No. 604745473-001-0001

**SUMMARY OF THE MEASURE****THE LAW AS IT CURRENTLY EXISTS:**

The City Charter currently does not address use of hydroelectric power or natural gas.

**THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSAL, IF APPROVED:**

This measure creates a new Article III, Section 21.7, and will amend the City Charter to adopt the same - the Spokane Cleaner Energy Protection Act. This Charter change prevents the City from adopting any code, ordinance, or regulation that would prohibit or have the effect of prohibiting the use of hydroelectric power or natural gas by the City or its residents and businesses.

I, (print name legibly), swear or affirm under penalty of law that I circulated this sheet of the foregoing petition, and that, to the best of my knowledge, every person who signed this sheet of the foregoing petition knowingly and without any compensation or promise of compensation willingly signed his or her true name and that the information provided therewith is true and correct. I further acknowledge that under chapter 29A.84 RCW, forgery of signatures on this petition constitutes a class C felony, and that offering any consideration or gratuity to any person to induce them to sign a petition is a gross misdemeanor, such violations being punishable by fine or imprisonment or both. (Signature)  
Date

## **CHARTER AMENDMENT ADOPTING THE SPOKANE CLEANER ENERGY PROTECTION ACT**

WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Spokane recognize the need for clean energy and dependable sources of power for its citizens and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Spokane expect the City to permit abundant hydroelectric power and natural gas to be purchased and used by the citizens and businesses of Spokane; and

WHEREAS, the carbon emissions from both hydroelectric power and natural gas are substantially less than coal fired power plants; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Spokane want to encourage cleaner sources of energy; and

WHEREAS, the citizens desire dependable power that can provide for the needs of all citizens and businesses as our country transitions away from carbon-based energy.

### **NOW, THEREFORE, THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF SPOKANE HEREBY ORDAIN:**

Section 1. Article III of the City Charter of the City of Spokane shall be amended to adding a new section 21.7 to read as follows:

#### **Section 21.7 – Spokane Cleaner Energy Protection Act**

- A. The City of Spokane may not enact any code, ordinance, or regulation that would prohibit or have the effect of prohibiting, or to otherwise regulate in a manner that would prohibit or have the effect of prohibiting:
  - 1. a hydroelectric utility or company, an electrical company, or a natural gas company or a utility, or a public or municipal utility from furnishing utility service to a utility customer; or
  - 2. a customer of an energy company, a public or municipal utility, or a department of public or municipal utilities from:
    - a. purchasing;
    - b. using; or
    - c. connecting or reconnecting to; a utility service; based on the energy source of the utility service being hydroelectric power or natural gas.
- B. The City of Spokane shall not prohibit the sale, installation, or use of any of the following:
  - 1. Natural gas-powered home heating equipment.
  - 2. Natural gas-powered home appliances.
  - 3. Grills, stoves, and other food preparation appliances designed to be used outdoors.
  - 4. Natural gas powered:
    - a. heating appliances and furnaces to heat swimming pools; and
    - b. torches, lamps, and other decorative features; designed to be used outdoors.

Section 2. Severability. If any provision of this charter amendment or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the amendment or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

Section 3. Submission to the Voters. This City Charter amendment ordinance shall be submitted to the voters of the City of Spokane for their approval or rejection at the next applicable election under Section 82 of the Spokane City Charter.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Charter amendment, if approved by the voters, shall take effect and be in full force upon the issuance of the certificate of election by the Spokane County Auditor's Office.