



Murphy Chamber of Commerce
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LOCAL OPTION PETITION

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a local option election?

A local option election allows voters to decide whether certain types of alcohol sales will be permitted within the city. It gives residents the opportunity to vote on the issue directly.

What types of alcohol sales are being considered?

The petition seeks to allow the retail sale of liquor in package stores for off-premises consumption.

Who can sign the petition?

Only registered voters who reside within the City of Murphy may sign the petition. All signatures will be verified by Collin County election officials.

How many signatures are required?

Since this petition is for the retail sale of packaged liquor, Texas law requires signatures from at least 35 percent of the registered voters in the City of Murphy who voted in the most recent gubernatorial election. Only signatures from registered Murphy voters can be counted toward this total.

What if there are not enough valid signatures?

If the petition does not contain the required number of valid signatures or otherwise fails to meet legal requirements, a local option election will not be called based on that petition.

How long does the Chamber have to collect petition signatures?

Texas law gives petition organizers up to 60 days to collect signatures. The 60-day period began on the date the official petition forms were issued by Collin County Elections.

Am I required to sign the petition?

No. Signing the petition is completely voluntary.

What does signing the petition mean?

Signing the petition does not mean you support or oppose alcohol sales. It means you support placing the question on the ballot so that voters can decide.



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If I sign the petition, am I obligated to vote a certain way?

No. Signing the petition only supports allowing the question to appear on the ballot. You may vote however you choose if an election is held.

When would an election be held?

The petition requests that the City Council place the issue on the November 3, 2026 ballot.

How could this affect the city?

Potential impacts may include changes in economic development opportunities, tax revenue, business activity, and consumer convenience.

Will local businesses automatically be able to sell alcohol if the proposal passes?

No. Businesses would still need to apply for and obtain all required state permits and local approvals, and they must comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

Will alcohol sales be allowed everywhere in the city?

Not necessarily. State and local regulations, such as distance requirements from schools, churches, and certain other locations, would continue to apply. Specific rules depend on the type of permit and local ordinances.

History of Alcohol Sales in Murphy

On November 2, 2006, Murphy voters approved allowing grocery stores, convenience stores, and similar retailers to sell beer and wine for off-premises consumption.

What happens after the petition signatures are collected?

After signatures are collected, the petitions are submitted to the City Secretary for verification. If the required number of valid signatures is confirmed and all legal requirements are met, City Council is required to order a local option election and finalize the ballot language. If the proposal is approved by voters, businesses must still obtain all required permits and comply with state and local regulations before selling alcohol.

Questions? Contact the Murphy Chamber of Commerce at info@murphychamber.org or (972) 805-3749.