

Guide to Filing a Petition

New Hampshire State Statute and the Town of Salem Charter provide the framework for submission of petitions for consideration by the Town of Salem.

Initiative Petitions (Non-Appropriation Articles)

Petitions not relating to appropriations should be filed in accordance with [Article 7 of the Town Charter](#). An initiative petition, addressed to the Salem Town Council may be submitted to the Town Manager's Office. The petition should state the nature of the measure in clear terms and must be accompanied by signatures of 200 registered voters in the Town of Salem. The Town Clerk will review the petition and certify that the requisite number of registered voters' signatures have been provided. The petition will be forwarded to the Town Council for public hearing. Initiative petitions can be filed at any time, but please be aware that, **to be included on the March 10, 2026 Town Ballot, an initiative petition must be filed no later than close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Friday, December 26, 2025.**