

**PRINCIPAL SHOPPING DISTRICTS AND BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 120 of 1961**

**125.990c Initiation by delivery of petition.**

Sec. 10c.

A person may initiate the establishment of a business improvement zone by the delivery of a petition to the clerk of the city or village in which a proposed zone area is located. The petition must include all of the following:

(a) An attached map and description of the geographic boundaries of the zone area sufficient to identify each assessable property included.

(b) The signatures of property owners of parcels of assessable property within the zone area, or their authorized agents, representing not less than 30% of the property owners of assessable property within the zone area. In determining whether the threshold under this subdivision is met, the number of required signatures must be determined and the signatures of property owners must be allocated, in the same manner as any proportional vote provided in the proposed zone plan under subdivision (d).

(c) An attached listing, by tax parcel identification number, of all parcels within the zone area, separately identifying assessable property.

(d) An attached zone plan, which must include all of the following:

(i) The proposed initial board of directors for the zone, except for a member of the board of directors who may be appointed by the city or village under section 10g(2).

(ii) The method for removal, appointment, and replacement of the members of the board.

(iii) A description of projects planned during the qualifying period, including the scope, nature, and duration of the projects.

(iv) An estimate of the total amount of expenditures for projects planned during the qualifying period.

(v) The proposed source or sources of financing for the projects planned during the qualifying period.

(vi) If the proposed financing includes assessments, the projected amount or rate of the assessments for each year and the basis to be used in allocating the assessment to be imposed on assessable property.

(vii) A plan of dissolution for the business improvement zone.

(viii) Beginning on June 28, 2018, the number of calendar years in the qualifying period, not more than 10 calendar years and not less than 7 calendar years.

(ix) If proportional voting will apply, a description of the proportional voting mechanism to be used or, if proportional voting will not apply, a statement to that effect.

(e) A basis for allocating assessments in the zone area that is consistent with section 10b.

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