

**Initiative Petition to Amend City of Hudson NY Charter/Code – under § 37, New York Municipal Home Rule Law**

I, the undersigned, do hereby state that I am a resident of and a registered and qualified voter in City of Hudson, New York (hereinafter, "Hudson"), that my present place of residence is truly stated opposite my signature hereto, and that I do hereby sign this Petition, as set forth below and on the one additional page, to enable the contents of this Petition (or an approved summary) to be submitted to the electors of Hudson at a general election.

In witness where, I have hereunto set my hand, the day and year placed opposite my signature.

	<b>Name of signer (signature required)</b> (printed name may be added)	<b>Enter in box below</b>			
<b>Date</b>		<b>Residence: No. &amp; Street</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>State</b>

*Signature:* ..... [No. & Street] .....

/ /15 [printed name:] ..... [City] **Hudson** [County] Columbia [State] New York

**PETITION FOR FREE 1-YEAR JOB TRAINING PROGRAM FOR ALL HUDSON RESIDENTS AND HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**

**WHEREAS**, government programs exist to pay tuition and other expenses for students seeking and obtaining a college or other higher education, even though the prospective employers of college graduates (i.e., governments, big business and the military) are not the creators of any net number of new jobs in the United States;

**WHEREAS**, there are no government or private programs for the training of persons to manage the smallest business, professional and non-profit entities in the United States, which are capable of paying a single skilled employee an hourly wage of approximately \$25 to \$60 per hour, while giving on-the-job training, experience and incentive to such manager to ultimately become a small-business owner himself/herself;

**WHEREAS**, government agencies, big business and the military cannot afford to pay \$25 to \$60 per hour to their lowest-paid employees, unlike small business entities, many or most of which could and should be willing to pay its lowest-paid (and only) employee \$25 to \$60 per hour, if the employee can free up the time of the small-business owner to enable such owner to earn a substantially higher dollar amount using the skills that relate to the owner's type of business;

**WHEREAS**, if Hudson, New York offers the envisioned training to residents of Hudson, there should be an increase in demand to reside in Hudson, which should cause land values to increase, and local businesses to increase their sales and earnings, with resulting prosperity for Hudson residents and small businesses;

**Complete ONE of the following:  
(1) STATEMENT OF WITNESS**

I, (name of witness) \_\_\_\_\_ state: I am a duly qualified voter of Hudson, New York and I am also duly qualified to sign the Petition. I now reside in Hudson, NY at (residence address) \_\_\_\_\_, Hudson, NY (Columbia County). The individual whose name is subscribed to this Petition sheet containing 1 signature, subscribed the same in my presence on the date above indicated and identified himself/herself to be the individual who signed this sheet.

I understand that this statement will be accepted for all purposes as the equivalent of an affidavit and, if it contains a material false statement, shall subject me to the same penalties as if I had been duly sworn.

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/2015 \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signature of Witness

**(2) NOTARY PUBLIC OR COMMISSIONER OF DEEDS**

On the date above indicated before me personally came the Hudson NY voter whose signature appears on this Petition sheet containing one petition signature who signed same in my presence and who being by me duly sworn, said that the foregoing statement made and subscribed by him/her was true.

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/2015 \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signature and Official Title of Officer Administering Oath

[Note: The Petition is continued on page 2.]

**THE FOLLOWING IS HEREBY DESIRED AND APPROVED AS AN INITIATIVE FOR ADOPTION OF A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE CITY OF HUDSON, NEW YORK CHARTER/CODE, TO BE PRESENTED TO VOTERS OF THE CITY OF HUDSON, NEW YORK AT A GENERAL ELECTION OF VOTERS:**

1. The title of this local law is "Act to establish a free, continuing 1-year job training program for all City of Hudson residents and high school seniors".
2. The City of Hudson, New York and the Hudson City School District ("Hudson") shall offer a free, continuing 1-year adult education program to Hudson residents and to owners of small businesses and other entities based in Hudson to train students how to manage a small business, professional firm, non-profit organization, governmental agency or non-governmental agency (hereinafter, "small entities") and to provide a placement service for program graduates without cost to the graduates.
3. The curriculum for such program shall be taught within approximately 500 50-minute classroom hours and cover substantially the topics outlined in a curriculum prepared by Carl E. Person, available at [www.carlperson.com/resume03.pdf](http://www.carlperson.com/resume03.pdf) or such other website which may be used for such purpose by Carl E. Person, as may be modified by him from time to time.
4. Hudson and the Hudson City School District shall offer a similar, optional, free, continuing 1-year training and placement program to high school seniors and, if this cannot be achieved for any reason, Hudson High School Seniors will be encouraged to take the adult program, even if they drop out of high school to do so.
5. The training program is to be established so that it is or can be taught by a single instructor for the 1-year program (which continues from year to year), and students may enter the program at the beginning of any week, which makes it easier to keep the available seats filled in spite of students who drop out of the program.
6. Hudson and Hudson City School District shall be authorized to enter into one or more agreements in which BOCES is to offer the course described in ¶¶ 2-5 and use tax revenues allocated to the training program described in ¶¶ 2-5 above to the extent that such diversion of funds does not impair the program under said paragraphs.
7. If any provision of this law is held to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remaining provisions shall be in no manner affected thereby but shall remain in full force and effect.

**Plan for Financing the Implementation of this Statute for the City of Hudson  
(Submitted in Support of the Petition pursuant to ¶ 11 of Section 37 of the NY Municipal Home Rule Law)**

The implementation of this statute requires Hudson to pay each year a total of approximately **\$100,000** in compensation for instructors to teach a 1-year course for Hudson adults and high school seniors in How to Manage a Small Business and Other Small Entities; about **\$15,000** in placement costs for a part-time placement service or person; and an initial expense of about **\$50,000** in hardware and software for the instructional program. Although not part of the Plan of Financing, some of the required hardware and software could already be owned by Hudson or Hudson City School District and be available without cost for use in the instruction; and some of the instruction could be taught by existing teachers and need not require any additional funding by Hudson (other than perhaps reimbursement to the school district for incentive pay to encourage existing teachers to change their courses of instruction).

**Availability of Additional Information about this Petition, the Ballot Initiative Process, and the Individuals Involved**

Additional information about this Petition and other Petitions, the Ballot Initiative Process and the individuals involved is available at [voterlaws.com](http://voterlaws.com). Copies of this Petition may be downloaded and printed out for use.

**WHERE TO MAIL THE ORIGINAL SIGNED PETITION**

**Please mail the Petition (as signed by two Hudson registered voters -- or one Hudson voter and one NYS notary public) to:**

voterlaws.com c/o Carl E. Person  
225 E. 36<sup>th</sup> Street – Suite 3A  
New York NY 10016-3664

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