Each petition must have a short title describing the purpose of the petition. M.R. 8205.1010, subp. 2(C)

The language on the petition must be printed in at least 10 point type. M.R. 8205.1010, subp. 2(B)

"Each petition page must have a signer's oath in 12 – point type. If the form of the signer's oath is not specified by statute, the following oath must be used: "**I swear (or affirm) that I know the contents and purpose of this petition and that I signed the petition only once and of my own free will.**" M.R. 8205.1010, subp. 2(F)

MINNESOTA PETITION IN PLACE OF FILING FEE

We, the undersigned eligible voters, residing in the election district for the office set forth below, understand that it is intended that this petition be presented in place of the filing fee otherwise required by law by _____ (name of candidate) at the time of filing an affidavit of candidacy for the office of _____ (office sought and district number, if any) to be voted on at the general election to be held on November 4, 2014, as provided by *Minnesota Statutes*, section 204B.11, subdivision 2.

"Each petition page must have a statement summarizing the purpose of the petition." M.R. 8205.1010, subp. 2(D)

SIGNER'S OATH

"I swear (or affirm) that I know the contents and purpose of this petition and that I signed the petition only once and of my own free will."

ALL INFORMATION ON THIS PETITION IS SUBJECT TO PUBLIC INSPECTION

*************ALL INFORMATION MUST BE FILLED IN BY PERSON(S) SIGNING THE PETITION UNLESS DISABILITY PREVENTS THE PERSON(S) FROM DOING SO.*************

Each petition page must include the following statement "**All information on this petition is subject to public inspection**" M.R. 8205.1010, subp. 2(I)

	DATE	SIGNATURE	YEAR OF BIRTH (If born in 1996 list month and day)	PRINT FIRST, MIDDLE, AND LAST NAME	RESIDENCE ADDRESS (number and street or route and box number) (Not a P.O. Box)	CITY OR TOWNSHIP	COUNTY
1.							
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Each petition page must include the following statement immediately above the signature lines: "**All information must be filled in by person(s) signing the petition unless disability prevents the person(s) from doing so.**" MR. 8205.1010, subp. 2(G)

DO NOT USE THIS AS YOUR ACTUAL PETITION. This is only an example to provide guidance in preparing your petition. This form should only be used by a candidate running as a member of a Major Political Party.

The signer's oath and the signature lines must be on the same side of the paper. M.R. 8205.1010

"Each petition page must have no more than ten signatures lines. The signature lines must be consecutively numbered. Each signature line must have space for the date of signature; a signature, and each signatory's year of birth; printed first, middle, and last name, and residence address, municipality, and county." M.R. 8205.1010, subp. 2(H)

"…The number of signatures on a petition in place of a filing fee shall be as follows:

(a) for state office voted on statewide, or for president of the United States, or United States senator, 2,000;
(b) For a congressional office, 1,000;
(c) For a county or legislative office, or for the office of district judge, 500;
(d) For any other office which requires a filing fee as prescribed by law, municipal charter, or ordinance, the lesser of 500 signatures or 5 percent of the total number of votes cast in the municipality, ward, or other election district at the preceding general election at which that office was on the ballot…."

M.S. §204B.11, subd. 2

The petition cannot be prepared on paper larger than 8 ½ inches wide by 14 inches long. M.R. 8205.1010, subp. 2(A)

"Petition in place of filing fee. At the time of filing an affidavit of candidacy, a candidate may present a petition in place of the filing fee. The petition may be signed by any individual eligible to vote for the candidate. M.S. §204B.11, subd. 2