



SAFEHARBOR

Safe rides. Extra eyes. Guests get home.

Company profile and petition-circulation proposal

Prepared for a candidate in the Chicago mayor's race

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Quick summary

SafeHarbor is a Chicago pedicab company that stations licensed operators outside bars, restaurants, and music venues. Operators do two jobs at once: they give guests a short, visible ride home, and they stay on the sidewalk as an extra set of eyes around the property. The work is hospitality and transportation, not licensed security.

That same nightly presence is what makes SafeHarbor useful for petition work. Operators are already where registered Chicago voters are, after work and on weekends, in the Loop, River North, the West Loop, and nearby neighborhoods. They know the door staff, they are trusted on the sidewalk, and they can ask for a signature without looking like a stranger with a clipboard.

This proposal offers a candidate in the Chicago mayor's race a focused circulation team for the 2027 mayoral nominating petitions. Chicago mayoral candidates must file at least 12,500 valid signatures from registered city voters. Circulation is already open, and petitions are due October 26, 2026. Price and signature volume are left blank for the campaign to set.

The company

What we do

SafeHarbor grew out of a one-operator Loop rickshaw service that moved people between music venues. The company now works with bars and restaurants that want two things: a safe last stretch home for guests, and a steady, recognizable presence on the perimeter during peak hours.

- Licensed City of Chicago pedicabs and pedicab chauffeurs, operating under Municipal Code Chapter 9-110.
- Nightly or rotating coverage outside partner bars and restaurants, typically 9 p.m. to close.
- On-demand rides for guests and, where arranged, priority rides for closing staff.

- A visible sidewalk presence. Operators do not enter as security, do not intervene physically, and do not represent themselves as guards.
- A short briefing on venue safety habits, including Angel Shot / Ask for Angela requests, so a manager can hand a guest a discreet ride without a scene.

Where we work

Coverage is concentrated where nightlife and foot traffic already exist: the Loop, River North, the West Loop, and adjacent corridors. Operators stage at the curb or a designated sidewalk spot the venue approves. They stay visible between rides. Weather cutoffs are strict. Heavy rain, snow, or unsafe cold ends pedaling and shifts longer trips to a pre-arranged car partner.

How venues use us

- A manager or bartender cuts a guest off or sees someone who should not walk home alone. The operator is already outside.
- Closing staff who live nearby get a priority ride instead of waiting on a surge-priced car.
- The rickshaw itself is a landmark. Guests and door staff know who is on the block.
- The company stays on the transportation side of the line. Illinois private-security licensing is not part of this service, and we do not sell it as such.

Working with bars and restaurants

These are the patterns from current venue work in the Chicagoland area. Names can be swapped for specific references once a partner approves being listed.

Loop music venues

Operators already move people off venue blocks after shows. Door staff use the rickshaw for guests who ask for a short ride rather than a walk to the train or a long wait for a car. The same corner time, repeated night after night, is what builds recognition. Guests stop, talk, and — when asked — sign.

River North bars

On weekend nights the sidewalk is the product. A partner bar keeps an operator staged near the entrance through close. Staff use the service for guests who need to leave, and for their own people at the end of the shift. That relationship is the opening for a petition ask: the person with the clipboard is the same person who has been outside the door all night.

West Loop restaurants

Dinner service runs later than it used to. Operators cover the block during the last seating and the walk-out. Managers like a known face on the sidewalk more than a rotating stranger. Petition circulation here works best early evening, before the room turns over, when diners are still standing outside waiting on a table or finishing a conversation.

What that means for signatures

The advantage is not volume from a parking lot. It is quality of contact. People who already know the operator are more willing to stop. Sheets can be worked at partner doors, on the sidewalk between rides, and at scheduled daytime shifts in the same neighborhoods. Every sheet still has to meet the Election Code. SafeHarbor does not control validity. The campaign does.

Proposal: Chicago mayor’s race petitions

SafeHarbor proposes to circulate nominating petitions for the candidate named below, for Mayor of Chicago, for the February 23, 2027 municipal election.

The job

- Circulate official campaign petition sheets only, for the named candidate. No homemade forms.
- Ask registered Chicago voters, in person, to sign. One signer per line. No signing for someone else.
- Work partner bars and restaurants, sidewalks outside those venues, and other locations the campaign assigns.
- Complete the circulator affidavit on each sheet the operator actually circulated, in the operator’s own hand, after the signatures are on the sheet.
- Turn sheets in on the schedule the campaign sets, with a simple daily count.
- Stop immediately if the campaign says a location, a script, or a sheet is off.

What we will not do

- We will not sign for voters, fill in addresses, or “clean up” a sheet.
- We will not pay signers, or offer a ride in exchange for a signature.
- We will not circulate inside a venue unless the manager has said yes.
- We will not represent ourselves as campaign staff or as city employees. We are an independent contractor.
- We will not give legal advice on challenges, objections, or ballot access. That stays with the campaign’s counsel.

Why this team

Most circulators start cold. Ours start on a sidewalk where they already have permission to stand. Door staff know them. Guests have already taken a ride or seen the rickshaw. That lowers the refusal rate and keeps the ask short. Coverage can run afternoons for dinner crowds and nights for bar traffic, through the October 26 filing date, or on whatever shorter window the campaign needs.

Suggested scope — blanks for the campaign

Item	To be completed
Raw signatures requested	_____
Target valid signatures	_____
Start date	_____
Turn-in deadline	_____
Neighborhoods	Loop, River North, West Loop, plus _____
Price	See contract — left blank
Campaign contact	_____

A practical note on the calendar: circulation opened July 28, 2026, and nominating petitions are due October 26, 2026. Any scope should be sized to the days left, not to a full-cycle plan.

Compliance, in plain language

Illinois nominating petitions have rules that do not bend for convenience. SafeHarbor will follow the campaign's written instructions and the form the State Board of Elections and the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners require. Circulators must meet the legal qualifications for this office, personally witness each signature, and sign the circulator affidavit. Sheets with a problem get pulled, not fixed in the field. The campaign supplies the petition form, the script, and any notary arrangement.

Simple contract

Petition Circulation Agreement — Chicago mayor's race

This agreement is between SafeHarbor ("Contractor") and the campaign named below ("Campaign") for a candidate for Mayor of Chicago. It is a services contract. It is not an employment agreement and not a contribution.

Date: _____

Candidate name: _____

Campaign contact: _____

Contractor contact: _____

1. Work

Contractor will circulate nominating petition sheets for the candidate named in this agreement, for Mayor of Chicago. Contractor will use only sheets the Campaign provides. Contractor will ask registered voters of the City of Chicago to sign in person, and will not sign for anyone else.

2. Volume and price

Both numbers below are blank on purpose. They are filled in and initialed before work starts.

Raw signatures to be collected: _____

Price: \$ _____ (per valid signature / flat fee — circle one)

Not-to-exceed total: \$ _____

Payment is due within 15 days of the Campaign's written acceptance of turned-in sheets. The Campaign may reject sheets that are incomplete, circulated by someone who did not witness the signatures, or otherwise unusable. Rejected sheets are not billed.

3. Independent contractor

Contractor is an independent contractor. Contractor sets the manner of the work within the Campaign's written instructions, uses its own licensed pedicabs where a ride is involved, and may do other work. No benefits, no withholding, no authority to bind the Campaign. Contractor is responsible for its own taxes.

4. Circulator rules

- Each circulator must be qualified under the Illinois Election Code to circulate this petition.
- The circulator must personally witness every signature on that sheet.
- The circulator affidavit is signed only after the signatures are collected, and only by the person who circulated the sheet.
- No payment, ride, or other thing of value is offered in exchange for a signature.
- Circulation inside a business happens only with that business's permission.

5. Turn-in

Sheets are delivered to the Campaign contact on the schedule written here: _____. Each turn-in includes a count of sheets and a count of signature lines. Contractor does not file with the Board. The Campaign files.

6. Term

Work starts on _____ and ends on _____, or sooner if either side ends it in writing. Text or email is enough. The Campaign may stop work at any time. Contractor is paid only for accepted sheets collected before the stop notice.

7. Conduct

Circulators stay professional, sober, and on the script the Campaign provides. They do not argue with voters, do not block a door, and do not represent the service as security. A venue can ask an operator to stop petition work on its sidewalk. The operator stops.

8. Liability

Contractor carries the pedicab insurance required by the City of Chicago for any ride it provides. Petition circulation is separate from passenger transport. Each side is responsible for its own acts. Contractor will indemnify the Campaign for claims caused by Contractor's negligence or by a false circulator affidavit. This agreement does not make the Campaign responsible for passenger injuries.

9. Entire agreement

This page, plus the petition sheets and written instructions the Campaign issues, is the whole agreement. Changes must be in writing. Illinois law governs. Blank fields that are not filled in before signing are not agreed.

Campaign signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed name / title: _____

Contractor signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed name: _____

Initials on price and signature count: Campaign _____ Contractor _____

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This proposal is an offer to perform circulation services. It is not legal advice and not a guarantee of ballot access. Signature validity is decided under the Illinois Election Code and by the election authority.