
CITY OF GAINESVILLE CANDIDATE INFORMATION

2016 City Election Dates

March 15, 2016 Gainesville City Election
April 12, 2016 City of Gainesville Run-Off Election (If Needed)

2016 Qualifying Dates

Noon on Monday, December 14, 2015 – Noon on Friday, December 18, 2015

2016 Qualifying Fee

Mayor \$417.82
Commissioner \$328.28

Offices on Ballot

Mayor
District 4 Commission Seat

Gainesville Mayor Requirements

The Mayor is elected by the electors of the City of Gainesville to serve a 3-year term. Each candidate for Mayor must be a qualified voter who is a resident of the City for a period of not less than 6 months prior to the date the person qualifies to run for office. The person elected as Mayor shall continuously reside in the City during the term of office. **A person seeking to qualify to run for mayor in the City's 2016 election must have been a qualified voter of the city since no later than noon on June 18, 2015.**

Gainesville City Commission - District 4 Requirements

If you are running for the District 4 Seat, you will be elected by the electors of District 4. You will be elected to serve a 3-year term. Each candidate for a District seat must be a qualified voter who is a resident of the District from which they seek to be elected for a period of not less than 6 months prior to the date they qualify to run for office. The person elected Commissioner shall continuously reside in that same City District during the term of office. **A person seeking to qualify for a district seat in the City's 2016 election must be a qualified voter who has been a resident of the district from which the person seeks to be elected since no later than noon on June 18, 2015.**

How Do I Become A Candidate?

1. Appoint A Campaign Treasurer and Designate A Campaign Depository.

Any eligible person may become a candidate by filing with the Supervisor of Elections an Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE9) form. A person may not collect or spend money on a campaign until this has been done. You may file this form at any time before the last date of qualifying, as early as you want to begin campaigning. The filing of this form triggers the requirement to file quarterly treasurer's reports until the period following qualifying. **You may not collect or spend money on your campaign until you have filed this form.**

2. File Your Statement Of Candidate.

Within 10 (ten) days of filing your Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository, each candidate must file a form stating they have provided access to read and understand the requirements of Chapter 106 of the Florida Statutes. The Supervisor of Elections will provide instructions on how to access Chapter 106 and give you the Statement of Candidate form.

3. Qualify.

A candidate becomes qualified by filing the necessary qualifying papers as provided in Florida Statutes with the Supervisor of Elections at any time after noon of the 50th day prior to the election, but no later than noon of the 46th day prior to the election. During this time you will come to our office and file a Statement of Financial Interests Form (FORM 1), Loyalty Oath/Oath of Candidate and Affidavit of Residency, pay a qualifying fee or file a waiver (Affidavit of Undue Burden), in addition to your Appointment of Campaign Treasurer/Designation of Depository and Statement of Candidate.

Please Note: In a Presidential Preference Primary year, City of Gainesville qualifying dates may vary.

Qualifying Fee

The qualifying fee for running for Mayor or City Commissioner is 1% of the salary of the office as of July 1st immediately proceeding the qualifying period.

Mayor – Qualifying Fee: \$417.82

Salary as of July 1, 2015	\$41,781.77
	<u>X.01</u>
Qualifying Fee	\$417.82

City Commissioner – Seat 4 – Qualifying Fee: \$328.28

Salary as of July 1, 2015	\$32,828.50
	<u>X.01</u>
Qualifying Fee	\$328.28

State law does not provide for signature petitions in municipal elections. The City of Gainesville allows the fee to be waived if the candidate files an Oath of Undue Burden sworn to before the Qualifying Officer at the time of qualifying.

If you have any questions or need additional information related to becoming a candidate, please contact:

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