CITY OF GAINESVILLE CANDIDATE INFORMATION

2022 City Election Dates

August 23, 2022 Gainesville City Election November 8, 2022 Run-Off Election (if needed)

2022 Qualifying Dates

Noon, Monday, June 13, 2022 - Noon, Friday, June 17, 2022

2022 Elections Assessment

Mayor \$471.99 Commissioner \$370.85

Offices on Ballot

At-Large Mayor Seat
District 2 Commission Seat
District 3 Commission Seat
District 4 Commission Seat

Gainesville Mayor - At-Large

Requirements

The At-Large Commissioner is elected by the electors of the City of Gainesville to serve a 4-year term. Each candidate for an At-Large seat 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 to an At-Large seat shall continuously reside in the City during the term of office. The last dates to have moved into the City District to meet the residency requirement for the 2022 election would be between December 13, 2021 and December 17, 2021 depending on which day the candidate qualifies in 2022.

Gainesville City Commission - District 2

Requirements-Single Member District

If you are running for the District 2 Seat, you will be elected by the electors of District 2 only. You will be elected to serve a 4-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. The last dates to have moved into the City District to meet the residency requirement for the 2022 election would be between December 13, 2021 and December 17, 2021 depending on which day the candidate qualifies in 2022.

Gainesville City Commission - District 3

Requirements-Single Member District

If you are running for the District 3 Seat, you will be elected by the electors of District 3 only. You will be elected to serve a 4 -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. The last dates to have moved into the City District to meet the residency requirement for the 2022 election would be between December 13, 2021 and December 17, 2021 depending on which day the candidate qualifies in 2022.

Gainesville City Commission - District 4

Requirements-Single Member District

If you are running for the District 4 Seat, you will be elected by the electors of District 4 only. You will be elected to serve a 4 -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. The last dates to have moved into the City District to meet the residency requirement for the 2022 election would be between December 13, 2021 and December 17, 2021 depending on which day the candidate qualifies in 2022.

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 Qualifying Officer 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 <u>any</u> 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 been provided access to read and understand the requirements of Chapter 106 of the Florida Statutes. The Qualifying Officer 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 Qualifying Officer. During this time you will come to our office and file a Statement of Financial Interests Form (FORM 1), notarized Loyalty Oath/Oath of Candidate, Affidavit of Residency, and pay the elections assessment or file a waiver (Affidavit of Undue Burden), in addition to your Appointment of Campaign Treasurer/Designation of Depository

and Statement of Candidate.

Elections Assessment

The elections assessment for running for the At-Large seat or a City Commission District seat is 1% of the salary of the office as of July 1st immediately preceding the qualifying period.

2022 City Commissioner – Elections Assessment: \$370.85

Salary as of July 1, 2021 \$ 37,085.85 <u>X.01</u> Elections Assessment \$370.85

2022 Mayor – Elections Assessment: \$471.99

Salary as of July 1, 2021 \$ 47,199.27 <u>X.01</u> Elections Assessment \$471.99

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 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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