
CITY OF GAINESVILLE CANDIDATE INFORMATION

2024 City Election Dates

August 20, 2024 Gainesville City Election
November 5, 2024 Run-Off Election (if needed)

2024 Qualifying Dates

Noon, Monday, June 10, 2024 – Noon, Friday, June 14, 2024

2024 Elections Assessment

Commissioner \$403.86

2024 Qualifying Fee

Commissioner \$807.73

Offices on Ballot

District 1 Commission Seat
At-Large Commission Seat A
At-Large Commission Seat B

Gainesville City Commission - District 1

Requirements-Single Member District

If you are running for the District 1 Seat, you will be elected by the electors of District 1 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 2024 election would be December 10, 2023 and December 14, 2023 depending on which day the candidate qualifies in 2024.**

Gainesville Commission At-Large Seat A

Requirements – At-Large

The At-Large Commissioner is elected by the electors of the City of Gainesville. The elected candidate will serve a 4-year term ending. 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 2024 election would be**

between December 10, 2023 and December 14, 2023 depending on which day the candidate qualifies in 2024.

Gainesville Commission At-Large Seat B

Requirements – At-Large

The At-Large Commissioner is elected by the electors of the City of Gainesville. The elected candidate will serve a 4-year term ending. 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 2024 election would be between December 10, 2023 and December 14, 2023 depending on which day the candidate qualifies in 2024.**

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 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 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 election assessment or file a waiver (Affidavit of Undue Burden), in addition to your Appointment of Campaign Treasurer/Designation of Depository and Statement of Candidate.

4. 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.

2024 City Commissioner – Elections Assessment: \$403.86

Salary as of July 1, 2023	\$ 40,386.49
	<u>X.01</u>
Elections Assessment	\$403.86

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.

5. Qualifying Fee

Pay the Qualifying Fee of 2% of the annual salary of the office sought or submit petitions with signatures from registered voters.

2024 City Commissioner - Qualifying Fee: \$807.73

Salary as of July 1, 2023	\$ 40,386.49
	<u>X.02</u>
Qualifying Fee	\$807.73

6. Petition Method

If choosing the petition option, the candidate must pay an advance fee of \$0.10 per signature checked to the qualifying officer of the city.

- For at-large seats, the number of signatures to collect is equal to 1% of the registered voters in the last City Election. **For 2024 candidates will need to submit 803 valid signatures to qualify by the Petition Method.**
- For the district seat, the number of signatures to collect is equal to 0.25% of the registered voters in the last City Election. **For 2024 candidates will need to submit 201 valid signatures to qualify by the Petition Method.**

<u>Seat</u>	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Signatures to Collect</u>	<u>Amount owed to review the petitions</u>
At-Large, Seat A	80,345	803	\$80.30
At-Large, Seat B	80,345	803	\$80.30
District 1	80,345	201	\$20.10

Candidates must submit petitions weekly to the City Clerk's Office before **noon on May 14, 2024.**

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

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