

Requirements for Candidacy for Municipal Public Office in the City of Santa Fe

Section 3.06 of the City's Home Rule Charter and Section 141.001 of the Texas Election Code prescribes eligibility requirements for candidacy for a public elective office. Generally, the requirements are as follows:

- (1) be a United States citizen;
- (2) be at least 21 years of age;
- (3) be a registered voter of the city;
- (4) have resided continuously for at least twelve (12) months preceding the election within the corporate limits of the City, including territory annexed prior to the filing deadline;
- (5) not have been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be (a) totally mentally incapacitated, or (b) partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote; and
- (6) not have been finally convicted of a felony from which the person has not been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities.

No candidate may file for more than one office or position number per election.

All of said applications shall be in compliance with Section 141.031 of the Texas Election Code:

- (1) Be in writing;
- (2) Be signed and sworn to by the candidate and indicate the date the candidate swears to the application;
- (3) Be timely filed with the appropriate authority; and
- (4) Include:
 - (a) the candidate's name;
 - (b) the candidate's occupation;
 - (c) the office sought, including any place number or other distinguishing number;
 - (d) an indication of whether the office sought is to be filled for a full or unexpired term if the office sought and another office to be voted on have the same title but do not have place numbers or other distinguishing numbers;
 - (e) a statement that the candidate is a United States citizen;
 - (f) a statement that the candidate has not been determined mentally incompetent by a final judgment of a court;
 - (g) a statement that the candidate has not been finally convicted of a felony from which the candidate has not been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities;
 - (h) the candidate's date of birth;
 - (i) the candidate's residence address or, if the residence has no address, the address at which the candidate receives mail and a concise description of the location of the candidate's residence;
 - (j) the candidate's length of continuous residence in the state and in the territory from which the office sought is elected as of the date the candidate swears to the application;
 - (k) a loyalty affidavit as required by Section 141.031(K) of the Election Code; and
 - (l) a statement that the candidate is aware of the nepotism law, Chapter 573, Government Code
 - (m) an affidavit that any nickname provided for the name as it is to appear on the ballot is the nickname by which the candidate has been commonly known in the community for three years (Sec. 52.031(c)).