

# RUNNING FOR OFFICE

## CITY OF TAMPA FAQs



### **Q: Who can run for office?**

Residency qualifications vary by position, but you must be a registered voter to run.

### **Q: When does the City of Tampa hold its elections?**

The City of Tampa has elections on the first Tuesday in March, every four years. The next election is March 7, 2023.

### **Q: What do I have to do to run for office?**

The first step is to **file** for office by submitting paperwork that officially declares your candidacy. This can be done at any time but must be done before you start campaigning. After filing, you are required to submit regular financial reports detailing campaign contributions and expenditures.

**Qualifying** takes place during a scheduled time period and is the process by which you assure your name will be on the ballot. That's when additional paperwork, along with any required fees or petition certifications, will be due.

### **Q: Does it cost money to be a candidate?**

Not necessarily. You have to pay a qualifying fee *or* collect petitions to have your name placed on a ballot. The fee is waived if you submit enough petitions.

### **Q: How are the qualifying fees set?**

Fees are 6% of the salary of the office as of July 1, 2022.

### **Q: Which offices are partisan, and which are nonpartisan?**

All City of Tampa municipal offices are nonpartisan.

### **Q: Will the Supervisor of Elections Office help me fill out the required forms?**

We'll give you forms and direct you to election law and candidate guidelines provided by the state of Florida and the City of Tampa. However, we are by law a ministerial agency, which means we cannot advise you on your paperwork.

For more information, visit [VoteHillsborough.gov](https://VoteHillsborough.gov) or contact:

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# Craig Latimer Supervisor of Elections

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## A closer look...

CITY OF TAMPA MUNICIPAL OFFICERS (2023)			
OFFICE	INCUMBENT	QUALIFYING OFFICER	
Mayor	Jane Castor	Craig Latimer, Hillsborough County Supervisor of Elections 601 E. Kennedy Blvd., 16 <sup>th</sup> Floor Tampa, FL 33602 Candidate Services (813) 384-3944	
CITY COUNCIL	INCUMBENT		
District 1 (At Large)	Joseph Citro		
District 2 (At Large)	Charlie Miranda*		
District 3 (At Large)	John Dingfelder		
District 4	Bill Carlson		
District 5	Orlando Gudes		
District 6	Guido Maniscalco*		
District 7	Luis Viera	Electorate	Election Dates
*Term limits prohibit incumbent from running for current district		Registered voters who reside in the district	Election Day - March 7, 2023 Runoff - April 25, 2023 (if necessary)
TYPE OF ELECTION		TERM	
Nonpartisan		4 years, beginning May 1, 2023	
QUALIFICATIONS			
<p>The Mayor and City Council members shall have been a resident and elector of the city for one year immediately preceding the commencement of the term of office. Members of the City Council representing districts 4 through 7 shall have been residents of the respective districts for six months immediately preceding the commencement of the term of office.</p>			
FORMS REQUIRED TO OPEN CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT			
<p>Form DS-DE 9, <i>Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository</i>, must be filed with the qualifying officer before opening a campaign bank account or accepting or spending any funds. Within ten days after filing Form DS-DE 9, the candidate must file Form DS-DE 84, <i>Statement of Candidate</i>, with the qualifying officer.</p>			
METHODS OF QUALIFYING FOR THE BALLOT			
QUALIFYING: NOON, JANUARY 16, 2023 - NOON, JANUARY 20, 2023			
BY FEE	BY PETITION		BY WRITE IN
<p>During the qualifying period, candidates pay 6% of the salary of the office as of 7/1/2022. 5% is required by the City of Tampa and a 1% election assessment is required by the State of Florida.</p>	<p>The petition collection period is from August 29, 2022 to January 6, 2023. Candidates may start collecting petitions after filing Form DS-DE 9, Form DS-DE 84, and a petition application with the qualifying officer. Candidates for Mayor must collect the signatures of at least 1% of the City of Tampa population. Candidates for City Council must collect the signatures of at least 0.25% of the City of Tampa population. Petitions for City Council must come from within the district the candidate wishes to serve. There is a signature verification fee of 10 cents per name. During the qualifying period, January 16-20, 2023, candidates must submit <i>Certificate of Petition Qualifying</i> and complete required paperwork.</p>		<p>During the qualifying period, candidates complete appropriate forms. The names of write-in candidates do <u>not</u> appear on the ballot.</p>
QUALIFYING PACKETS, WHICH INCLUDE FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FORMS, LOYALTY OATH, AND OATH OF CANDIDATE WILL BE AVAILABLE PRIOR TO QUALIFYING WEEK. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE QUALIFYING OFFICER.			
<p>The information contained in this fact sheet and other literature is not comprehensive in nature and may be subject to change. If you are running for office, it is the candidate's responsibility to become acquainted with relevant Florida election laws and local charters that might have a bearing on your campaign or qualifications to run for an office. <b>Revised</b> 01/03/22</p>			