

## MAY 1, 2021 GENERAL ELECTION CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Must be a United States citizen;
2. Must be eighteen (18) years of age or older;
3. In accordance with Section 141.001 of the Texas Election Code, have resided continuously in the State for twelve (12) months and:
  - For candidates for At-Large Districts, in the City of Arlington for six (6) months; or
  - For candidates for Single Member Districts, in the District from which the office is elected for six (6) months;
4. Shall not be indebted to the City, shall not hold any other public office of emolument, shall not be interested in the profits or emoluments of any contract, job, work or service for the City, or interested in the sale to the City of any supplies, equipment, material or articles purchased;
5. Must be registered to vote within the boundaries of the City of Arlington at the time of filing for the election;
6. If filing for a Single Member District, candidate must be registered to vote within the boundaries of their respective District at the time of filing for the election;
7. Have not been determined mentally incapacitated by a final judgment of a court;
8. Have not been finally convicted of a felony from which the person has not been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities;
9. For Mayor: have not served previously as Mayor for 3 or more elected terms
10. For City Council: have not served previously as Councilmember for 3 or more elected terms;
11. Have not served 12 or more years in combination as a Councilmember and Mayor.
12. To file for a place on the ballot candidates must pay \$100.00 filing fee (cash, certified or cashier's check or postal money order) or have petition (forms furnished by City Secretary) signed by registered, qualified voters of the City of Arlington as follows:
  - Candidates for **Districts 3, 4 & 5** (Single Member Districts), in lieu of paying the filing fee, may present a petition signed by at least **25** registered, qualified voters of the district from which the office is sought;
  - Candidates for **Mayor and District 8** (At-Large Districts), in lieu of paying the filing fee, may present a petition signed by at least **91** registered, qualified voters of the City of Arlington.

\*\*Pursuant to the Election Code § 141.032(c), the City Secretary will only review the petition for facial compliance. According to the Affidavit of Circulator, found at the bottom of each petition page, the circulator of a petition shall be responsible for verifying each signer's registration status, that each signature is the genuine signature of the person whose name is signed, and that the corresponding information for each signer is correct.

\*\*Candidates are highly encouraged to validate, by voter registration or date of birth, that each petition signer is a qualified Arlington resident, and for single-member districts 3,4 & 5 are living within the district in which you are filing.