

MAY 2, 2026 GENERAL ELECTION
CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
(Tex. Elec. Code § 141.001 & Arl. City Charter Art. IV §§ 3 & 9)

1. Must be a United States citizen;
2. Must be eighteen (18) years of age or older on the first day of the term to be filled at the election;
3. Must have resided continuously in the State for twelve (12) months and:
 - For candidates for Mayor and At-Large Districts (8), in the City of Arlington for six (6) months; or
 - For candidates for Single Member Districts (3, 4, 5), 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, candidates must be registered to vote within the boundaries of their respective District at the time of filing for the election;
7. Must not have been determined by a final judgment of a court to be totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote;
8. Must not have been finally convicted of a felony from which the person has not been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities;
9. For Mayor: must not have served previously as Mayor for 3 or more elected terms;
10. For City Council: must not have served previously as Councilmember for 3 or more elected terms;
11. Pursuant to Arlington City Charter Article V § 2 and Arlington Elections Chapter §§ 2.02–2.03, to file for a place on the ballot, candidates must pay a \$100.00 filing fee (cash, certified or cashier's check or postal money order) or have a petition (forms furnished by City Secretary) signed by registered, qualified voters of the City of Arlington as follows:
 - Candidates for **District 3**, (Single Member District), in lieu of paying the filing fee, may present a petition signed by at least **25** registered, qualified voters of District 3;
 - Candidates for **District 4** (Single Member District), in lieu of paying the filing fee, may present a petition signed by at least **28** registered, qualified voters of District 4;
 - Candidates for **District 5** (Single Member District), in lieu of paying the filing fee, may present a petition signed by at least **25** registered, qualified voters of District 5;
 - Candidates for **Mayor and District 8** (At-Large Districts), in lieu of paying the filing fee, may present a petition signed by at least **89** registered, qualified voters of the City of Arlington.

****Pursuant to Texas 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 registered voter of Arlington, and for single-member districts 3, 4, & 5, is a registered voter who resides within the applicable district, in accordance with Texas Election Code § 141.063(a).**