

2018 MAYOR-COUNCIL FORM OF GOVERNMENT FILING INFORMATION

PREPARED BY THE BENTON COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

Petitions for Nomination - Independent Municipal Candidate: {A.C.A. §14-42-206(b)(1)}

Circulation: **May 19, 2018** - Petitions may begin circulation 90 days prior to filing deadline.

Filing Time: **Begins** – NOON July 27, 2018 **Ends** – NOON August 17, 2018

Filing Place: **County Clerk's Office:**
Bentonville – Benton County Admin Bldg, 215 E Central Avenue, Suite 217
Rogers – 2111 W Walnut
Siloam Springs - 707 S Lincoln Street, Suite C

Any qualified person desiring to be a candidate for municipal office in the General Election to be held on November 6, 2018 must file a Nominating Petition, Affidavit of Eligibility, Petition Affidavit, and Political Practice Pledge with the County Clerk by the deadline date: **August 17, 2018 at 12:00 noon.**

Political Practice Pledge, Affidavit of Eligibility, Petition Affidavit, Statement of Financial Interest and Campaign Contribution and Expenditure forms will be provided to the Candidate at the time of filing. Therefore, it is suggested that the candidate appear, in person, in the office of the County Clerk to complete filing requirements.

For a **City of the First Class**, the Petition must contain signatures from not less than thirty (30) qualified electors of the city in which the candidate files.

For a **City of the Second Class or Incorporated Town**, the Petition must contain signatures from not less than ten (10) qualified electors of the city in which the candidate files.

NO WRITE-IN CANDIDATES FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICE ALLOWED (A.C.A §14-43-202)

In order to assist the candidate in their filing requirements, information packets and forms are available at the County Clerk's Office. The County Clerk recommends that candidates circulate Petitions for signatures well in advance of the deadline to file in order that proper certification of the signatures on the Petitions may be made.

Deadline to register to vote for the General Election is October 9, 2018.

Early voting for the General Election is Monday, October 22nd through Saturday, November 3rd, Weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Monday November 5th 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Statement of Financial Interest: {A.C.A §21-8-701(c)(1)(A)}

A candidate for municipal office must file a Statement of Financial Interest with the **City Clerk or Recorder** by **August 20, 2018**, unless a statement was filed as an incumbent office holder by January 31, 2018, then they shall not be required to file an additional statement.

Campaign Contribution and Expenditure reports: {A.C.A §7-6-208(a)(1)&(2)}

Pre-election Report: {A.C.A. § 7-6-208 (a)(1)}

Opposed Candidates are required to file if they have contributions or expenditures in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500.00). This Report covers all campaign activity through October 30, 2018.

Deadline to File: October 30, 2018 (No later than seven days prior to the General Election)

Final Report: {A.C.A. § 7-6-208 (a)(2)}

Required of **ALL** candidates, regardless of contributions or expenditures

Deadline to File: January 2, 2019.

Petition of Nomination for Cities of the First and Second Class and Incorporated Towns

Alderman Candidates Elected at Large

(Pursuant to A.C.A. 14-42-206)

To: County Clerk of Benton County

We, the undersigned qualified electors of the city/town of _____, Arkansas, being in number not less than ten (10) for incorporated towns and cities of the second (2nd) class, and not less than thirty (30) for cities of the first (1st) class, do hereby petition that the name of _____, be placed on the ballot for the office of Alderman, Ward _____, Position _____, at the next election of municipal officials in 2018. I have personally signed this petition; I am a legal voter of Benton County, Arkansas within the said city/town to be represented. My printed name, date of birth, residence, city/town of residence, and date of signing are correctly written after my signature.

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Petition of Nomination for Cities of the First and Second Class and Incorporated Towns

Municipal Candidates Except Aldermen

(Pursuant to A.C.A. 14-42-206)

To: County Clerk of Benton County

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