

Municipal Candidates

(Excluding Siloam Springs)

MAY 7, 2020 - Beginning date to start petition

JULY 29, 2020 (Noon) - First day to file petitions

AUGUST 5, 2020 (Noon) - Deadline to file petitions

AUGUST 10, 2020 - Deadline to file SOFI (**WITH CITY CLERK**)

August 21, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m. - 2020 Ballot Draw

OCTOBER 5, 2020 - Deadline to register to vote

OCTOBER 19, 2020 - Early voting begins

OCTOBER 27, 2020 - Pre CCE report due

NOVEMBER 2, 2020 - Last Day of early voting

NOVEMBER 3, 2020- ELECTION DAY!

DECEMBER 30, 2020 - Final CCE report due



2020 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 7, 2020** - Petitions may begin circulation 90 days prior to filing deadline.

Filing Time: **Begins** – NOON July 29, 2020 **Ends** – NOON August 5, 2020

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 3, 2020 must file a Nominating Petition, Affidavit of Eligibility, Petition Affidavit, and Political Practice Pledge with the County Clerk by the deadline date: **August 5, 2020 at 12:00 noon.**

Political Practices 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 5, 2020.

Early voting for the General Election is Monday, October 19th through Saturday, October 31st, Weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Monday, November 2nd 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 10, 2020**, unless a statement was filed as an incumbent office holder by January 31, 2020, 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)}

Candidates are required to file if they receive or spend in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500.00). This Report covers all campaign activity through October 24, 2020.

Deadline to File: October 27, 2020 (No later than seven days prior to the General Election)

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

Required of **ALL** candidates, opposed or unopposed, regardless of contributions or expenditures.

Deadline to File: December 30, 2020.

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

Municipal Candidates Except Council Member

(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 _____, at the next election of municipal officials in 2020. 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.

	Signature	Printed Name	Date of Birth	Residence Address	City/Town of Residence	Date of Signing
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
11						
12						
13						
14						
15						

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

Council Member 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 Council Member, Ward _____, Position _____, at the next election of municipal officials in 2020. 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.

	Signature	Printed Name	Date of Birth	Residence Address	City/Town of Residence	Date of Signing
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
11						
12						
13						
14						
15						