



General Information for November 2019 Special Election Candidates

Eligibility Requirements

According to the City Charter and Election Code of the State of Texas, to be eligible to serve on the City Council, a person must be:

- 21 years of age;
- a citizen and qualified voter in the Council District of the Councilmember position for which they apply for a period of twelve months prior to the election date

Candidates may not hold any other office or employment under the City Government while a member of the Council, or for two years thereafter.

Schedule of Expected Meetings

Service on the City Council is a commitment of your time. The City Council regularly meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Workshops and executive sessions are held prior to the regular Council meetings. There will occasionally be special called meetings and joint meetings with advisory boards, commissions, and other entities.

Additionally, each City Council member may serve on one or two city Boards and/or Commissions. These Boards will require additional monthly meetings at dates and times to be determined.

Statement of Elected Official

Be advised that once elected, you will be asked to sign the following Statement of Elected Officer:

“I, _____, do solemnly swear that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered, promised to pay, contributed, or promised to contribute any money or thing of value, or promised any public office or employment for the giving or withholding of a vote at the election at which I was elected, so help me God.”

Conduct of Election

The City of Georgetown contracts with the Williamson County Election Administrator to conduct the General Election in conjunction with other entities such as cities, school districts, and municipal utility districts throughout the County. Therefore, polling locations are determined by the Williamson County Election Administrator and are considered for approval by the City Council.

Voting

Early voting by personal appearance will begin on Monday, October 21, 2019, and end on Friday, November 1, 2019.

Election Day – Tuesday, November 5, 2019 - Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.

Write-In Candidates

Votes for write-in candidates will not be counted UNLESS the candidate has filed a declaration of write-in candidacy by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 26, 2019. The Williamson County Voter Registrar will post a list at each polling place of all those individuals who have declared for write-in candidacy.

Political Signs

Signs can be placed on private property with the consent of the property owner but may not be placed on or within public rights-of-way or on public property. A City permit is not required to post campaign signs. State law requires that the following notice be written on each political advertising sign:

NOTICE: IT IS A VIOLATION OF STATE LAW (CHAPTERS 392 AND 393, TRANSPORTATION CODE) TO PLACE THIS SIGN IN THE RIGHT OF WAY OF A HIGHWAY.