

**CITY OF ORMOND BEACH  
MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2020  
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

***When will the 2020 Election be held?***

The City of Ormond Beach regular municipal election will be held on November 3, 2020. If three or more candidates qualify to run for any particular office, there will also be a primary election held on August 18, 2020 for such race(s) only.

***What city offices will be elected?***

All four City Commissioner offices and the office of Mayor will be up for election in 2020.

***When is the qualifying period for the election?***

The qualifying period begins on Monday, June 8, 2020, at 12:00 p.m. (noon) and ends on Friday, June 12, 2020, at 12:00 p.m. (noon).

***What are the qualifications?***

To qualify for City Commissioner, candidates must have continuously resided within the City of Ormond Beach for at least one (1) year immediately prior to the start of the qualifying period, and must be registered voters in their zone. Candidates also must be a resident in the zone in which they plan to seek office for at least thirty (30) days prior to the qualifying period.

To qualify for Mayor, candidates must have continuously resided within the City of Ormond Beach for at least one (1) year prior to the start of the qualifying period, and must be registered voters.

Candidates elected to any office must continue to reside within the City during their tenure. Commissioners must also continue to reside within their elected zone.

***What is the cost of candidacy?***

There is an assessment fee of \$140.05 for the office of City Commissioner and \$181.18 for the office of Mayor. The assessment fee constitutes 1% of the salary for the respective office. Assessment fees are due at the time of qualifying and **must** be paid with a check drawn on the **campaign checking account**.

***How do I become a candidate?***

Potential candidates should carefully read all provided literature. Candidates are required to file certain forms during the qualification period in order to qualify for office. Candidates wishing to announce their candidacy before qualifying must also file certain forms in order to open a campaign account. More information on becoming a candidate can be found in this section. Section IX: Qualifying will provide more information on the qualifying process.

***What financial forms and disclosures are required for candidates?***

The first financial requirement is to complete Form DS-DE 9: Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates. This form must be filed with the City Clerk **before** candidates are able to open a campaign checking account.

When qualifying, candidates must also complete and file a Statement of Financial Interests Form. *(Note: an incumbent candidate may file a copy of their previously filed form)*. Subsequent financial forms and disclosures are required. Please see Section II: Election Dates and Calendars and Section VI: Campaign Financing, of this packet for more information. Campaign Treasurer's Reports must be filed online by the specified deadlines through the Volusia County Supervisor of Elections' online reporting system.

***What is the salary for a City Commissioner or the Mayor?***

The annual salary for the Office of City Commissioner is \$14,004.59. The salary for the Mayor is \$18,117.68. Commission members also receive a \$200 monthly local travel stipend.

***What is the "resign-to-run" law?***

The "resign-to-run" law is in [Section 99.012](#) of the Florida Statutes. The "resign-to-run" law essentially prohibits an elected or appointed "officer" from qualifying as a candidate for another state, district, county, or municipal public office if the terms or any part of the terms overlap with each other, if the person did not resign from the office the person presently holds. More information about the "resign-to-run" law can be found in Section IX: Qualifying.

***What are the limits for campaign contribution?***

The contribution limit for municipal candidates is \$1,000 per person per election. *(Note: contribution limits do not apply to contributions made by a candidate to his/her own campaign – a candidate's contributions to his/her own campaign are unlimited)*. Cash contributions are limited to \$50 from the same contributor per election. Contributions from children under 18 years old are limited to \$100.

More information about campaign contributions can be found in Section VI: Campaign Financing.

***When are the financial reports for candidates due?***

Please see Section II. Election Dates and Calendars for listings of all election and campaign reporting dates. A listing of campaign report dates can also be found on the city's website at [www.ormondbeach.org/elections](http://www.ormondbeach.org/elections).

***What are the rules regarding political advertisements and political signs?***

Those posting political signs must comply with the requirements of the [Section 3-46](#) (7) and (8) of the city's Land Development Code, and [Chapter 3](#) and [Section 13-71](#) of the

city's Code of Ordinances. Additional information regarding political signage is available under Section X: Political Signs/Advertising.

***What resources are available regarding obtaining voter history and information?***

Please see Section XI: Voter and Election Information Resources, which contains information on voter demographics, voter registration lists, and the pricing and availability of voter information that can be obtained from Volusia County Department of Elections.

***What is a Third-Party Voter Registration Organization?***

A third-party voter registration organization (3PVRO) is any person, entity, or organization that solicits or collects any voter registration application, but does **not** include a person who seeks only to register themselves to vote or collect a voter registration application from that person's spouse, parent, or child; or a person engaged in registering to vote or collecting voter registration applications as an employee or agent of the Division of Elections, Supervisor of Elections, DHSMV, or an official voter registration agency.

More information about 3PVROs, including how to apply and the requirements, is located in Section XIII: Third-Party Voter Registration Organization, of this packet.

***When does voter registration end?***

Voter registration ends October 5, 2020 for the November 3, 2020 Municipal Election. If a primary election in August is also required, the voter registration deadline for that election would be July 20, 2020.

***Are election results available for review?***

Past election results for Volusia County elections are available online on the Volusia County Supervisor of Elections' website.

***How can I locate a precinct?***

You may locate a precinct for a voter utilizing the Precinct Finder tool on the Volusia County Supervisor of Elections' website.

***As a candidate, can I request a public records exemption?***

To request a public records exemption, you must complete an Address/Identification Confidentiality Request Form (located in Section XI: Voter and Election Information Resources) for both the Supervisor of Elections and the city. In order to be eligible for an exemption, you must meet the requirements of one of the applicable exemption categories listed on the form. Please note that only the specifically exempt information (such as your home address) would be exempt from disclosure. Claiming such an exemption would not preclude qualifying documents and campaign reports from being disclosed entirely, but would cause that specific information which is exempt to be redacted on the document prior to disclosure.

***Does a poll watcher have to be a registered voter?***

Yes. Each poll watcher must be a registered voter of the county in which he or she serves.

More information about poll watchers, including related forms, can be found in Section XI: Voter and Election Information Resources.