

**CITY OF ORMOND BEACH
MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2018
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

When will the 2018 Election be held?

The City of Ormond Beach Municipal Election will be held on November 6, 2018.

What city offices will be elected?

All four City Commissioner offices and the office of Mayor will be up for election in 2018.

When is the qualifying period for the election?

The qualifying period begins on Monday, June 18, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. (Noon) and ends on Friday, June 22, 2018 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 \$131.37 for the office of City Commissioner and \$169.95 for the office of Mayor. The assessment fee constitutes 1% of the salary for that office. Assessment fees are due at the time of qualifying and **must** be paid with a check drawn on the **campaign checking account**.

If a candidate cannot afford to pay the assessment fee they may sign an affidavit to that effect; which can be provided by the City Clerk.

How do I become a candidate?

After carefully reading all provided literature, potential candidates should review and complete the Candidate's Checklist for Qualifying (located in this packet in Section VIII: Qualifying) and related forms.

This list and other documents in the Qualifying Section will provide more information on the qualifying process. Qualifying information can also be found online at www.ormondbeach.org/elections.

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 V: Election Dates and Calendars and Section VI: Campaign Financing, of this packet for more information. Section VI: Candidate Forms contains copies of the required forms. Electronic versions of these forms can also be found online at www.ormondbeach.org/elections.

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

The annual salary for the Office of City Commissioner is \$13,137. The salary for the Mayor is \$16,995. 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 VIII: 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. 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 the 2018 Calendar of Reporting Dates for Candidates for reporting dates and the 2017 - 2019 Election Dates Calendar provided by the Division of Elections for listings of all election and campaign reporting dates. These documents can be found in Section

V: Election Dates and Calendars. A listing of campaign report dates can also be found on the city's website at www.ormondbeach.org/elections.

What are the rules regarding political advertisements and political signs?

The posting of political signs requires a special permit and a \$150 bond. Please complete the City of Ormond Beach Application for Political Sign Permit (Section XI) to obtain a permit. Additional information regarding political signage is available under Section XI: Political Signs/Advertising, and online at www.ormondbeach.org/elections.

What resources are available regarding obtaining voter history and information?

Please see Section X: 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 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 for this election ends on October 9, 2018.

Are election results available for review?

Past election results for Volusia County elections are available online at <http://www.volusiaelections.org/ElectionInformation/results.htm>. Results are available from 1998 – 2016.

How can I locate a precinct?

You may locate a precinct for a voter utilizing their address by visiting <https://www.voterfocus.com/PrecinctFinder/Pfinder2012/pflookupfromclassic.html?county=VOL&fullcounty=volusia>

As a candidate can I request a public records exemption?

To request a public records exemption you must complete the Florida Department of State Address/Identification Confidentiality Request Form (located in Section X: Voter

and Election Information Resources). In order to be eligible for an exemption, you must meet the requirements of one of the applicable exemption categories listed on the form.

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 X: Voter and Election Information Resources.