

Amended 7/12/17

2018 APOPKA CITY GENERAL ELECTION

General Election For: Mayor, Council Seat 1 and Council Seat 2
Currently held by: (Kilsheimer) (Dean) (Velazquez)

General Information for March 13, 2018 City General Election

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Resident of City for one (1) year preceding election
2. Qualified Elector in City of Apopka, including, but not limited to:
 - 18 years of age minimum
 - U.S. citizen
 - Legal resident of the State of Florida, Orange County, and City of Apopka
 - Not convicted of a felony, or had your rights restored.
 - Not adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting, or have had the right to vote restored.

Note: *Every candidate for city council must designate the seat for which he/she desires his/her name to appear on the ballot.*

PRE-QUALIFYING

Before you can qualify to become a candidate, you must file an Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates form (DS-DE 9) [you may designate yourself or another person who is a registered voter in the State of Florida] with the City Clerk, and then open a Campaign Account (Campaign Treasury). **This must be done prior to accepting any campaign contributions.** The Statement of Candidate form (DS-DE 84) must be filed with the qualifying officer within 10 days after the DS-DE 9 form.

QUALIFYING PERIOD FOR CANDIDATES

Begins: Tuesday, January 2, 2018, at 12:00 NOON
Ends: Tuesday, January 9, 2018, at 12:00 NOON
(Dates and times are subject to change by law)

QUALIFYING FEE

3% filing fee + 1% election assessment (Based on Annual Salary in effect on July 1, 2017)

Note: The 1% election assessment is sent directly to the State.

Based on FY 16-17 Budget:	Mayor qualifying fee based on salary of \$150,000.....	\$6,000.00
	Commissioners qualifying fee based on salary of \$13,500	\$540.00

The qualifying fee MUST be paid by check drawn on your Campaign Account, payable to CITY OF APOPKA, and signed by a Campaign Treasurer only.

QUALIFYING BY PETITION

As an alternative to paying the qualifying fee, candidates may choose to waive the qualifying fee by collecting petitions instead. Signatures may not be obtained until the candidate has filed the DS/DE 9 form, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer, Designation of Campaign Depository.

The number of signatures required is based on the number of registered voters as of the immediately preceding general election's book closing. A candidate must obtain at least 1% of

the total number of registered voters of this geographical area based on the preceding general election's book closing. The City of Apopka's total registered voters from the last election, as of book closing, was 27,389. To qualify by petition there would be a total of 274 signatures required. This number would change for each election based

Candidates for Mayor can only avoid paying the 3% filing fee portion of the qualifying fee through the petition process as provided by F.S. § 99.095 and adopted into the City's Code of Ordinances, Section 34-1 and Section 34-42. Candidates for Mayor will be required to pay the election assessment fee of 1% of the annual salary.

Candidates for Commissioner seeking to qualify through the petition process as provided by F.S. § 99.095, can only avoid paying the 3% qualifying fee and will be required to pay the 1% election assessment fee of the annual salary.

The petition form (DS-DE 104) is prescribed by the Division of Elections and is available through the qualifying officer or the Division of Elections website <http://dos.myflorida.com/elections> The official petition format must be used.

All candidates submitting petitions shall pay 0.10 cents per signature for the verification and certification of petitions. Checks must be drawn from your Campaign Account and made payable to the City of Apopka.

LAST DATE TO SUBMIT PETITIONS TO THE CITY CLERK: December 5, 2017, NOON
Petitions will be certified by the Supervisor of Elections by December 26, 2017 (F.S. § 99.095(3))

REGISTRATION BOOKS

Open: Now

Close: Monday, February 12, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.

ELECTION DATES

Election: Tuesday, March 13, 2018, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Runoff Election: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 (if necessary), from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The Candidate & Campaign Treasurer Handbook and the Election Laws of the State of Florida are accessible and available for download on the Division of Elections website at <http://dos.myflorida.com/elections>

For further information, please contact:

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