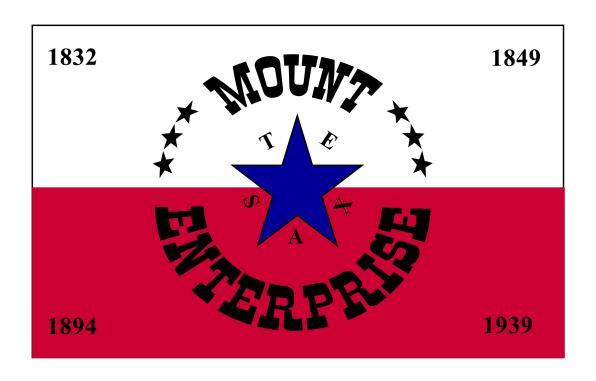
CITY OF MOUNT ENTERPRISE

CANDIDATE PACKET FOR THE NOVEMBER 7, 2023 GENERAL ELECTION





CITY COUNCIL
CITY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
MEMBERS PLACES 2 & 4

City of Mount Enterprise

Office of the City Secretary

June 13, 2023

Dear Candidates:

Thank you for your interest in serving the citizens of Mount Enterprise. Should you decide to become a candidate, your candidacy requires compliance with certain state statutes and local ordinances. The City of Mount Enterprise, Texas, is a municipal corporation that operates under state law as a Type A city. Please realize the material in this packet is not exhaustive and that it is the duty of a candidate/ officeholder to become familiar with and follow all laws, rules, and regulations applicable to municipal campaigns.

There are three City of Mount Enterprise races for the November 7, 2023, general election – Mayor and Council members Place 2 and 4. The term of office for each position is two years.

The role of the City Secretary's Office (CSO) is to accept and file candidate applications, affidavits, and statements required of candidates. Neither the City Secretary nor CSO staff should be expected to judge or comment upon the timeliness or sufficiency of reports filed, but rather to serve only as the custodian of the records.

On the filing of an application for a place on the ballot, the City Secretary must review the application to determine whether it complies with the requirements as to form, content, and procedure only. That is, the City Secretary checks to be sure it was filed correctly and in a timely manner and that all required information is completed and attested to. The review must be completed not later than the fifth day after the date the application is received by the authority. If an application does not comply with applicable requirements, the City Secretary must reject the application and provide the candidate written notice of the rejection. [EC Sec. 141.032(e)]. Candidates are not permitted to simply make corrections to the form, once submitted, and should review materials fully before turning them in. Please file your application as soon as practicable to allow sufficient time for this review. Filing at the last minute may not give the City Secretary sufficient time for review, which is subject to state law, not to City preference. Please do not leave blank any required information on the application, as doing so may render your application invalid.

Texas Election Code Section 141.032, which governs the review of a candidate's application for a place on the ballot for form, content, and procedure, does not apply to a determination of a candidate's eligibility.

All applications, affidavits, statements, and campaign reports filed with the City Secretary's Office are considered public information and are open to inspection by the public in accordance with the Texas Public Information Act.

Persons with questions concerning the conduct of elections may contact the Elections Division of the Texas Secretary of State's Office at 800-252-VOTE or SoS.state.tx.us. Inquiries about campaign finance or the conduct of candidates and officeholders should be directed to the Texas Ethics Commission at 512-463-5800 or Ethics.State.TX.US. If you have specific needs of the City Secretary's Office, please call us at 903-822-3269 or email us at suzannepharr@CityMTE.com.

Your interest in municipal government and our community is appreciated. We trust that this will be a positive and exciting experience for you, and that you find satisfaction in the call to public service.

Sincerely,

Suzanne M. Pharr Suzanne M. Pharr, CCCI

City Secretary, Court Administrator, Juvenile Case Manager, Records Management Officer

Contents and Resources

General information (underlined items are included in this packet):

1. Eligibility requirements

Additionally, the Texas Election Code Sec. 141.001 provides the following:

Sec. 141.001. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC OFFICE.

- (a) To be eligible to be a candidate for, or elected or appointed to, a public elective office in this state, a person must:
 - (1) be a United States citizen;
 - (2) be 18 years of age or older on the first day of the term to be filled at the election or on the date of appointment, as applicable;
 - (3) have not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be:
 - (A) totally mentally incapacitated; or
 - (B) partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote;
 - (4) have not been finally convicted of a felony from which the person has not been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities;
 - (5) have resided continuously in the state for 12 months and in the territory from which the office is elected for six months immediately preceding the following date:
 - (A) for a candidate whose name is to appear on a general primary election ballot, the date
 of the regular filing deadline for a candidate's application for a place on the ballot;
 - (B) for an independent candidate, the date of the regular filing deadline for a candidate's application for a place on the ballot;
 - (C) for a write-in candidate, the date of the election at which the candidate's name is written in;
 - (D) for a party nominee who is nominated by any method other than by primary election, the date the nomination is made; and
 - (E) for an appointee to an office, the date the appointment is made;
 - (6) on the date described by Subdivision (5), be registered to vote in the territory from which the office is elected; and
 - (7) satisfy any other eligibility requirements prescribed by law for the office.

- (a-1) For purposes of satisfying the continuous residency requirement of Subsection (a)(5), a person who claims an intent to return to a residence after a temporary absence may establish that intent only if the person:
 - (1) has made a reasonable and substantive attempt to effectuate that intent; and
 - (2) has a legal right and the practical ability to return to the residence.
- (a-2) Subsection (a-1) does not apply to a person displaced from the person's residence due to a declared local, state, or national disaster.
- (a-3) The authority with whom an application for a place on a general primary election ballot is filed under Section 172.022 shall, to the extent permitted by law, use Subsections (a) and (a-1) in determining whether a candidate meets the residency requirements for a public elective office.
- (b) A statute outside this code supersedes Subsection (a) to the extent of any conflict.
- (c) Subsection (a) does not apply to an office for which the federal or state constitution or a statute outside this code prescribes exclusive eligibility requirements.
- (d) Subsection (a)(6) does not apply to a member of the governing body of a district created under Section 52(b)(1) or (2), Article III, or Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

Acts 1985, 69th Leg., ch. 211, Sec. 1, eff. Jan. 1, 1986. Amended by: Acts 2007, 80th Leg., R.S., Ch. 614 (H.B. 417), Sec. 28, eff. September 1, 2007. Acts 2015, 84th Leg., R.S., Ch. 504 (H.B. 484), Sec. 1, eff. September 1, 2015. Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 1047 (H.B. 831), Sec. 1, eff. January 1, 2020.

- The <u>Texas Secretary of State's At-A-Glance condensed calendar</u> from https://www.sos.texas.gov/elections/voter/important-election-dates.shtml. Find a municipal candidate resource page at SoS.state.TX.US/elections/candidates/guide/2018/local.shtml.
- 3. Application for a Place on the Ballot (Form 2-26) and instructions, is available online in English and Spanish (https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/polsub/2-21f.pdf). The City Secretary reviews applications to determine whether they are in compliance with the Texas Election Code and City Charter requirements as to content. Please file your application as soon as practicable to allow sufficient time for this review. Filing at the last minute may not give the City Secretary sufficient time for review. Please do not leave any blanks on the application, as doing so may render your application invalid.

- 4. City of Mount Enterprise Council candidates use **Texas Ethics Commission** Non-Judicial Candidate/Officeholder forms, file with the City Secretary's office, and do not file electronically with the Texas Ethics Commission (TEC), although candidates may choose to use and print fillable forms when appropriate. TEC forms are available at Ethics.state.TX.US/forms/coh/cohfrm.php. Most form links are accompanied by a link to an instruction manual for the form.
 Candidates may find the TEC's Campaign Finance Guide for Candidates and Officeholders Who File with Local Filing Authorities at Ethics.state.TX.US/data/resources/guides/coh_local_guide.pdf to be informative. The City Secretary is the local filing authority for Mount Enterprise Council candidates.
 - a. <u>Appointment of a Campaign Treasurer by a Candidate</u> (Form CTA) from Ethics.state.TX.US/data/forms/coh/cta.pdf. (The Form CTA Instruction Guide is linked at Ethics.state.TX.US/data/forms/coh/CTA_ins.pdf.) The CTA should be filed in the City Secretary's office at the same time as the *Application for a Place on the Ballot*. Please note the statement that must be signed regarding the nepotism law. The second page of the form is to be completed if the candidate would like to use modified reporting.
 - b. The <u>Code of Fair Campaign Practices</u> (Form CFCP) is signed voluntarily and is available at https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/forms/coh/cfcp.pdf.
 - c. City candidates follow the TEC's <u>2023 Uniform (Local) Filing Schedule</u>, available at https://ethics.state.tx.us/data/filinginfo/schedules/s23uniform.pdf. Pages 1-3 and 4 of the schedule refer to the November general election date (page 5 refers to the May 2024 election). Questions on reporting procedures, contributions, or expenditures should be addressed to the Texas Ethics Commission at (512) 463-5800. City candidates and officeholders use the forms contained in the *Candidate/Officeholder Campaign Finance Report* (Form C/OH) on the TEC website at Ethics.state.TX.US/data/forms/coh/coh.pdf. The C/OH form link contains many types of forms, all of which may not be needed by every candidate at each filing.
 - d. The <u>TEC resolution concerning misleading campaign communications</u> is also available at https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/enforcement/sworn_complaints/ RESOLUTION.pdf.
- 5. City guidelines on sign placement.

Additional resources:

- TxDOT guidelines for campaign signs on state property, https://ftp.dot.state.tx.us/pub/txdot-info/row/political-signs.pdf.
- TEC's *Political Advertising: What You Need to Know* brochure, available at Ethics.state.TX.US/data/resources/advertising/Gpol_adv.pdf
- TEC's *Political Fundraisers: What You Need to Know* brochure, available at Ethics.state.TX.US/data/resources/guides/Gpolfund.pdf
- TEC's FAQ guide, Ethics.state.TX.US/resources/FAQs/FAQ COH Legal.php
- The City also maintains social media platforms on Facebook, Twitter, and others, and issues

It is the duty of a candidate to become familiar with the laws applicable to campaigning for office. Regarding the filing of candidate/officeholder reports, the City Secretary is limited to accepting the filing of the various reports, and noting the date and time of filing thereon. Questions regarding campaign reporting procedures, contributions, or expenditures should be directed to the Texas Ethics Commission at (512) 463-5800 or Ethics.state.TX.US.

In general, use of the City's logo, photos, and other intellectual property is protected and not available for use without explicit approval from the City.

Please note that all applications, affidavits, statements, and campaign financial reports filed with the City Secretary's office are considered public information and open for public inspection in accordance with the Texas Public Information Act.

November 7, 202	3 - Uniform Election Date
These dates are subject to che	anges from the 2023 legislative session.
Authority Conducting Elections	Local Political Subdivisions and Counties
Deadline to post candidate requirements 5 Form 1-15 (PDF)	Monday, November 7, 2022
First day to apply for a ballot by mail using Application for a Ballot by Mail (ABBM) or Federal Post Card Application (FPCA).	Sunday, January 1, 2023*
	*First day to file does not move because of New Year's Day holiday. An "Annual ABBM" or FPCA for a January or February 2023 election may be filed earlier, but not earlier than the 60th day before the date of the January or February election.
Deadline to post notice of candidate filing deadline	Thursday, June 22, 2023 for local political subdivisions that have a first day to file for their candidates 1
First Day to File for Place on General Election Ballot (for local political subdivisions ONLY)1	Saturday, July 22, 2023 ("first day" does not move; office hours not required)
Last Day to Order General Election or Election on a Measure	Monday, August 21, 2023
Last Day to File for Place on General Election Ballot (for local political subdivisions ONLY) ²	Monday, August 21, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.
	See note below relating to four-year terms ³
Last Day to Register to Vote	Tuesday, October 10, 2023*
	*First business day after Columbus Day
First Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance	Monday, October 23, 2023 (17th day before election day falls on a Saturday, first day moves to next business day)
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, not Postmarked)	Friday, October 27, 2023
Last Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance	Friday, November 3, 2023
Last day to Receive Ballot by Mail	Tuesday, November 7, 2023 (election day) at 7:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is not postmarked, OR Wednesday, November 8, 2023 (next business day after Election Day) at 5:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is postmarked by 7:00 p.m. at the location of the election on Election Day (unless overseas or military voter deadlines apply) ⁴

https://www.sos.texas.gov/elections/voter/important-election-dates.shtml

APPLICATION FOR A PLACE ON THE BALLOT FOR A GENERAL ELECTION FOR A CITY, SCHOOL DISTRICT OR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

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09/2021

INSTRUCTIONS

An application for a place on the general election for a city, school district or other political subdivision, may not be filed earlier than 30 days before the deadline prescribed by this code for filing the application. An application filed before that day is void. All fields of the application **must** be completed unless specifically marked optional.

For an election to be held on a uniform election date, the day of the filing deadline is the 78th day before Election Day.

If you have questions about the application, please contact the Secretary of State's Elections Division at 800-252-8683.

NEPOTISM LAW

The candidate must sign this statement indicating his awareness of the nepotism law. When a candidate signs the application, it is an acknowledgment that the candidate is aware of the nepotism law. The nepotism prohibitions of chapter 573, Government Code, are summarized below:

No officer may appoint, or vote for or confirm the appointment or employment of any person related within the second degree by affinity (marriage) or the third degree by consanguinity (blood) to the officer, or to any other member of the governing body or court on which the officer serves when the compensation of that person is to be paid out of public funds or fees of office. However, nothing in the law prevents the appointment, voting for, or confirmation of anyone who has been continuously employed in the office or employment for the following period prior to the election or appointment of the officer or member related to the employee in the prohibited degree: six months, if the officer or member is elected at an election other than the general election for state and county officers.

No candidate may take action to influence an employee of the office to which the candidate is seeking election or an employee or officer of the governmental body to which the candidate is seeking election regarding the appointment or employment of a person related to the candidate in a prohibited degree as noted above. This prohibition does not apply to a candidate's actions with respect to a bona fide class or category of employees or prospective employees.

FOOTNOTES

¹An application for a place on the ballot, including any accompanying petition, is public information immediately on its filing. (Section 141.035, Texas Election Code)

²Inclusion of a candidate's VUID is optional. However, many candidates are required to be registered voters in the territory from which the office is elected at the time of the filing deadline. Please visit the Elections Division of the Secretary of State's website for additional information. http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/laws/hb484-faq.shtml

³Proof of release from the resulting disabilities of a felony conviction would include proof of judicial clemency under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 42A.701, proof of executive pardon under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 48.01, or proof of a restoration of rights under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 48.05. (Texas Attorney General Opinion KP-0251)

One of the following documents must be submitted with this application.

Judicial Clemency under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 42A.701 Executive Pardon under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 48.01 Restoration of Rights under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 48.05

⁴All oaths, affidavits, or affirmations made within this State may be administered and a certificate of the fact given by a judge, clerk, or commissioner of any court of record, a notary public, a justice of the peace, city secretary (for a city office), and the Secretary of State of Texas. See Chapter 602 of the Texas Government Code for the complete list of persons authorized to administer oaths.

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INSTRUCCIONES

Una solicitud para un lugar en la elección general para una ciudad, distrito escolar u otra subdivisión política, no puede ser presentada antes de los 30 días antes de la fecha límite prescrita por este código para presentar la solicitud. Una solicitud presentada antes de ese día es nula. Todos los campos de la solicitud **deben** completarse a menos que estén específicamente marcados como opcional.

Para una elección que se lleve a cabo en una fecha de elección uniforme, el día de la fecha límite de presentación es el 78 dia antes del día de la elección.

Si tiene preguntas sobre la solicitud, por favor póngase en contacto con la División de Elecciones del Secretario de Estado llamando al 800-252-8683.

LEY DE NEPOTISMO

El candidato debe firmar esta declaración indicando su conocimiento de la ley del nepotismo. Cuando un candidato firma la solicitud, es un reconocimiento de que el candidato conoce la ley del nepotismo. Las prohibiciones de nepotismo del capítulo 573, Código de Gobierno, se resumen a continuación:

Ningún funcionario puede nombrar, votar o confirmar el nombramiento o empleo de cualquier persona emparentada dentro del segundo grado por afinidad (matrimonio) o del tercer grado por consanguinidad (sangre) con sí mismo, o con cualquier otro miembro del órgano de gobierno o corte en el que se desempeña cuando la compensación de esa persona debe pagarse con fondos públicos o honorarios del cargo. Sin embargo, nada en la ley impide el nombramiento, la votación o la confirmación de cualquier persona que haya estado empleada continuamente en la oficina o el empleo durante el período siguiente antes de la elección o el nombramiento del funcionario o miembro emparentado con el empleado en el grado prohibido: seis meses, si el funcionario o miembro es elegido en una elección que no sea la elección general para funcionarios estatales y del condado.

Ningún candidato puede tomar medidas para influir en un empleado del cargo al que aspira a ser elegido o en un empleado o funcionario del organismo gubernamental al que aspira a ser elegido en relación con el nombramiento o el empleo de una persona emparentada con el candidato en un grado prohibido, tal como se ha indicado anteriormente. Esta prohibición no se aplica a las acciones de un candidato con respecto a una clase o categoría de buena fe de empleados o empleados prospectos.

NOTAS

¹Una solicitud para un lugar en la boleta electoral, incluida cualquier petición que la acompañe, es información pública inmediatamente después de su presentación. (Sección 141.035, Código Electoral de Texas)

²La inclusión del número único de identificación de votante (VUID, por sus siglas en Ingles) es opcional. Sin embargo, a muchos candidatos se les exige que estén registrados como votantes en el territorio desde el cual se elige el cargo en el momento de la fecha límite de presentación. Por favor, visite el sitio web de la Division de Elecciones de la Secretaría de Estado para obtener información adicional. http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/laws/hb484-fag.shtml

³La prueba de liberación de las discapacidades resultantes de una condena por un delito grave incluiría prueba de clemencia judicial según el Código de Procedimiento Penal de Texas 42A.701, prueba de indulto ejecutivo según el Código de Procedimiento Penal de Texas 48.01, o prueba de una restauración de derechos según el Código de Procedimiento Penal de Texas 48.05. (Opinión de Fiscal General de Texas KP-0251)

Se debe enviar uno de los siguientes documentos con esta solicitud:

Clemencia judicial según el Código de Procedimiento Penal de Texas 42A.701

Prueba de indulto ejecutivo según el Código de Procedimiento Penal de Texas 48.01

Prueba de una restauración de derechos según el Código de Procedimiento Penal de Texas 48.05

⁴Todos lo los juramentos, declaraciones juradas o afirmaciones hechas dentro de este estado pueden ser administrados y un certificado del hecho dado por un juez, secretario(a) o comisionado de cualquier corte de registro, un notario público, un juez de paz, secretario municipal (para una oficina de la ciudad) y el Secretario de Estado de Texas. Consulte el Capítulo 602 del Código del Gobierno de Texas para obtener la lista completa de personas autorizadas a administrar juramentos.

APPOINTMENT OF A CAMPAIGN TREASURER BY A CANDIDATE

FORM CTA PG 1

See CTA Instruction Guide for detailed instructions.					1 Total pages	filed:	
2	CANDIDATE	MS / MRS / MR	FIRST		MI	OFFIC	CE USE ONLY
	NAME					Filer ID #	
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8	CAMPAIGN TREASURER STREET ADDRESS (residence or business)	STREET ADDRESS;	АР	T / SUITE #;	CITY;	STATE;	ZIP CODE
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CANDIDATE MODIFIED REPORTING DECLARATION

FORM CTA PG 2

11 CANDIDATE NAME	
12 MODIFIED REPORTING DECLARATION	COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY IF YOU ARE CHOOSING MODIFIED REPORTING
	•• This declaration must be filed no later than the 30th day before the first election to which the declaration applies. ••
	•• The modified reporting option is valid for one election cycle only. •• (An election cycle includes a primary election, a general election, and any related runoffs.)
	•• Candidates for the office of state chair of a political party may NOT choose modified reporting. ••
	I do not intend to accept more than \$940 in political contributions or make more than \$940 in political expenditures (excluding filing fees) in connection with any future election within the election cycle. I understand that if either one of those limits is exceeded, I will be required to file pre-election reports and, if necessary, a runoff report.
	Year of election(s) or election cycle to which declaration applies Signature of Candidate

This appointment is effective on the date it is filed with the appropriate filing authority.

TEC Filers may send this form to the TEC electronically at treasappoint@ethics.state.tx.us
or mail to

Texas Ethics Commission

P.O. Box 12070

Austin, TX 78711-2070

Non-TEC Filers must file this form with the local filing authority DO NOT SEND TO TEC

For more information about where to file go to: https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/filinginfo/QuickFileAReport.php

CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

FORM CFCP COVER SHEET

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Pursuant to chapter 258 of political committee is enco Campaign Practices. The Cauthority upon submission form. Candidates or policurrent campaign treasurer 1997, may subscribe to the Subscription to the Code of	Date Hand-delivered of Date Processed	Postmarked			
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1 ACCOUNT NUMBER	2 TYPE OF FILE	ĒR			
(Ethics Commission Filers)	CANDIDATE		POL	ITICAL COMM	IITTEE
	If filing as a candi then read and sigr	date, complete boxes 3 - 6 page 2.		0 ,	ommittee, complete nd and sign page 2.
3 NAME OF CANDIDATE (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)	TITLE (Dr., Mr., Ms., etc.)	FIRST		МІ	
	NICKNAME	LAST		SUFFIX (SR.,	JR., III, etc.)
4 TELEPHONE NUMBER OF CANDIDATE (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)	AREA CODE	PHONE NUMBER		EXTENSION	
5 ADDRESS OF CANDIDATE (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)	STREET / PO BOX;	APT / SUITE #;	CITY;	STATE;	ZIP CODE
6 OFFICE SOUGHT BY CANDIDATE (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)					
7 NAME OF COMMITTEE (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)					
8 NAME OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER	TITLE (Dr., Mr., Ms., etc.)	FIRST		МІ	
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CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

There are basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play that every candidate and political committee in this state has a moral obligation to observe and uphold, in order that, after vigorously contested but fairly conducted campaigns, our citizens may exercise their constitutional rights to a free and untrammeled choice and the will of the people may be fully and clearly expressed on the issues.

THEREFORE:

- (1) I will conduct the campaign openly and publicly and limit attacks on my opponent to legitimate challenges to my opponent's record and stated positions on issues.
- (2) I will not use or permit the use of character defamation, whispering campaigns, libel, slander, or scurrilous attacks on any candidate or the candidate's personal or family life.
- (3) I will not use or permit any appeal to negative prejudice based on race, sex, religion, or national origin.
- (4) I will not use campaign material of any sort that misrepresents, distorts, or otherwise falsifies the facts, nor will I use malicious or unfounded accusations that aim at creating or exploiting doubts, without justification, as to the personal integrity or patriotism of my opponent.
- (5) I will not undertake or condone any dishonest or unethical practice that tends to corrupt or undermine our system of free elections or that hampers or prevents the full and free expression of the will of the voters, including any activity aimed at intimidating voters or discouraging them from voting.
- (6) I will defend and uphold the right of every qualified voter to full and equal participation in the electoral process, and will not engage in any activity aimed at intimidating voters or discouraging them from voting.
- (7) I will immediately and publicly repudiate methods and tactics that may come from others that I have pledged not to use or condone. I shall take firm action against any subordinate who violates any provision of this code or the laws governing elections.

I, the undersigned, candidate for election to public office in the State of Texas or campaign treasurer of a politica
committee, hereby voluntarily endorse, subscribe to, and solemnly pledge myself to conduct the campaign in accordance
with the above principles and practices.

Signature	Date



TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION 2023 FILING SCHEDULE FOR REPORTS DUE IN CONNECTION WITH ELECTIONS HELD ON UNIFORM ELECTION DATES

This is a filing schedule for reports to be filed in connection with elections held on uniform election dates in May and November. Examples of elections held on uniform election dates are elections for school board positions and city offices. The uniform election dates in 2023 are May 6 and November 7.

Candidates and officeholders must file semiannual reports (due on January 17, 2023, and July 17, 2023). In addition, a candidate who has an opponent on the ballot in an election held on a uniform election date must file two pre-election reports (unless the candidate has elected modified reporting).

The campaign treasurer of a political committee that is involved in an election held on a uniform election date must also file pre-election reports (unless the committee is a general-purpose political committee that files monthly or a specific-purpose political committee that files on the modified reporting schedule). This schedule sets out the due dates for pre-election reports in connection with elections on uniform election dates. Please consult the 2023 REGULAR FILING SCHEDULE FOR GENERAL-PURPOSE POLITICAL COMMITTEES (GPAC), COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES (CEC), AND SPECIFIC-PURPOSE POLITICAL COMMITTEES (SPAC) for a complete listing of political committee deadlines.

Candidates for and officeholders in local offices regularly filled at the general election for state and county officers (the November election in even-numbered years) should use the 2023 FILING SCHEDULE FOR CANDIDATES AND OFFICEHOLDERS FILING WITH THE COUNTY CLERK OR ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR.

EXPLANATION OF THE FILING SCHEDULE CHART

<u>COLUMN I: REPORT DUE DATE</u> - This is the date by which the report must be filed. If the due date for a report falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the report is due on the next regular business day. This schedule shows the extended deadline where applicable. A report transmitted to the Texas Ethics Commission over the Internet is considered timely filed if it is transmitted *by midnight, Central Time Zone, on the night of the filing deadline*. For most filing deadlines, a report filed on paper is considered timely filed if it is deposited with the U.S. Post Office or a common or contract carrier properly addressed with postage and handling charges prepaid, or hand-delivered to the filing authority by the filing deadline. **Pre-Election Reports:** A report due 30 days before an election and a report due 8 days before an election must be *received* by the appropriate filing authority no later than the report due date to be considered timely filed.

<u>COLUMN II: TYPE OF REPORT (WHO FILES)</u> - This column gives the report type and explains which reporting form to use and which filers are required to file the report.

<u>COLUMN III: BEGINNING DATE OF PERIOD COVERED</u> - This column sets out the beginning date of the time period covered by the report. Use the latest one of the applicable dates. The "date of campaign treasurer appointment" is the beginning date only for the *first* report filed after filing a campaign treasurer appointment. For officeholders recently appointed to an elective office, the beginning date for the first report will be the date the officeholder took office, provided that he or she was not already filing as an officeholder or candidate at the time of the appointment. (*NOTE:* If you are ever confused about the beginning date for a required report, remember this rule: **There should never be gaps between reporting periods and, generally, there should not be overlaps.**)

<u>COLUMN IV: ENDING DATE OF PERIOD COVERED</u> - This column sets out the ending date of the time period covered by the report. The report must include reportable activity occurring on the ending date.

Please consult the CAMPAIGN FINANCE GUIDE FOR CANDIDATES AND OFFICEHOLDERS WHO FILE WITH LOCAL FILING AUTHORITIES or the CAMPAIGN FINANCE GUIDE FOR POLITICAL COMMITTEES for further information.

COLUMN I DUE DATE	COLUMN II TYPE OF REPORT (WHO FILES)	COLUMN III BEGINNING DATE OF PERIOD COVERED	COLUMN IV ENDING DATE OF PERIOD COVERED
Tuesday, January 17, 2023 Deadline is extended because of weekend and holiday.	January semiannual [FORM C/OH] (all local candidates and officeholders, except for officeholders who do not have a campaign treasurer appointment on file and who do not exceed \$940 in contributions or expenditures for the reporting period) [FORM GPAC] (all GPACs) [FORM SPAC] (all SPACs)	July 1, 2022, <u>or</u> the date of campaign treasurer appointment, <u>or</u> the day after the date the last report ended.	December 31, 2022
Tuesday, January 17, 2023 Deadline is extended because of weekend and holiday.	Annual report of unexpended contributions [FORM C/OH-UC] (former candidates and former officeholders who have filed a final report and who retained unexpended contributions or assets purchased with contributions)	January 1, 2022, <u>or</u> the day after the date the final report was filed.	December 31, 2022

REPORTS DUE BEFORE THE MAY 6, 2023, UNIFORM ELECTION

Thursday, April 6, 2023	30th day before the May 6, 2023, uniform election	January 1, 2023, <u>or</u> the date of campaign treasurer	March 27, 2023
NOTE: This report must be received by the appropriate filing authority no later than April 6, 2023.	[FORM C/OH] (all local candidates who have an opponent on the ballot in the May 6 election and who do not file on the modified reporting schedule)	appointment, <u>or</u> the day after the date the last report ended.	
	[FORM GPAC] (all GPACs that are involved with the May 6 election)		
	[FORM SPAC] (all SPACs that do not file on the modified reporting schedule and that supported or opposed an opposed candidate or a measure in the May 6 election)		

NOTE: A political committee must file pre-election reports if the committee is involved with the election during each pre-election reporting period. A political committee must file an 8-day pre-election report if the committee filed a 30-day pre-election report, even if there is no activity to report during the 8-day reporting period. The campaign treasurer of a political committee may be required to file 30-day and 8-day pre-election reports in connection with elections not listed on this schedule.

COLUMN I DUE DATE	COLUMN II TYPE OF REPORT (WHO FILES)	COLUMN III BEGINNING DATE OF PERIOD COVERED	COLUMN IV ENDING DATE OF PERIOD COVERED
Friday, April 28, 2023 NOTE: This report must be received by the appropriate filing authority no later than April 28, 2023.	8th day before May 6, 2023, uniform election [FORM C/OH] (all local candidates who have an opponent on the ballot in the May 6 election and who do not file on the modified reporting schedule) [FORM GPAC] (all GPACs that filed a "30th Day Before Election Report" or that are involved with the May 6 election) [FORM SPAC] (all SPACs that do not file on the modified reporting schedule and that filed a "30th Day Before Election Report" or that supported or opposed an opposed candidate or a measure in the May 6 election)	March 28, 2023, <u>or</u> the date of campaign treasurer appointment, <u>or</u> the day after the date the last report ended.	April 26, 2023 NOTE: Daily pre- election reports of contributions accepted and direct campaign expenditures made after April 26, 2023, may be required. Please consult the Campaign Finance Guide for further information.

Monday, July 17, 2023

Deadline is extended because of weekend.

July semiannual

[FORM C/OH] (all local candidates and officeholders, except for officeholders who do not have a campaign treasurer appointment on file and who do not exceed \$1,010 in contributions or expenditures for the reporting period)

[FORM GPAC] (all GPACs)

[FORM SPAC] (all SPACs)

January 1, 2023, or

the date of campaign treasurer appointment, *or*

the day after the date the last report ended.

June 30, 2023

NOTE: A political committee must file pre-election reports if the committee is involved with the election during each pre-election reporting period. A political committee must file an 8-day pre-election report if the committee filed a 30-day pre-election report, even if there is no activity to report during the 8-day reporting period. The campaign treasurer of a political committee may be required to file 30-day and 8-day pre-election reports in connection with elections not listed on this schedule.

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DUE DATE

COLUMN II TYPE OF REPORT (WHO FILES)

COLUMN III BEGINNING DATE OF PERIOD COVERED

COLUMN IV
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REPORTS DUE BEFORE THE NOVEMBER 7, 2023, UNIFORM ELECTION

Tuesday,	30th day before the November 7, 2023, uniform election	July 1, 2023, <u>or</u>	September 28, 2023
Deadline is extended because of weekend and holiday. NOTE: This report must be received by the appropriate filing authority no later than October 10, 2023.	[FORM C/OH] (all local candidates who have an opponent on the ballot in the November 7 election and who do not file on the modified reporting schedule) [FORM GPAC] (all GPACs that are involved with the November 7 election) [FORM SPAC] (all SPACs that do not file on the modified reporting schedule and that supported or opposed an opposed candidate or a measure in the November 7 election)	the date of campaign treasurer appointment, <u>or</u> the day after the date the last report ended.	
Monday, October 30, 2023 NOTE: This report must be received by the appropriate filing authority no later than October 30, 2023.	8th day before the November 7, 2023, uniform election [FORM C/OH] (all local candidates who have an opponent on the ballot in the November 7 election and who do not file on the modified reporting schedule) [FORM GPAC] (all GPACs that filed a "30th Day Before Election Report" or that are involved with the November 7 election) [FORM SPAC] (all SPACs that do not file on the modified reporting schedule and that filed a "30th Day Before Election Report" or that supported or opposed an opposed candidate or a measure in the November 7 election)	September 29, 2023, <u>or</u> the date of campaign treasurer appointment, <u>or</u> the day after the date the last report ended.	October 28, 2023 NOTE: Daily pre- election reports of contributions accepted and direct campaign expenditures made after October 28, 2023, may be required. Please consult the Campaign Finance Guide for further information.

NOTE: A political committee must file pre-election reports if the committee is involved with the election during each pre-election reporting period. A political committee must file an 8-day pre-election report if the committee filed a 30-day pre-election report, even if there is no activity to report during the 8-day reporting period. The campaign treasurer of a political committee may be required to file 30-day and 8-day pre-election reports in connection with elections not listed on this schedule.

COLUMN I DUE DATE	COLUMN II TYPE OF REPORT (WHO FILES)	COLUMN III BEGINNING DATE OF PERIOD COVERED	COLUMN IV ENDING DATE OF PERIOD COVERED
Tuesday, January 16, 2024 Deadline is extended because of holiday.	January semiannual [FORM C/OH] (all local candidates and officeholders, except for officeholders who do not have a campaign treasurer appointment on file and who do not exceed \$1,010 in contributions or expenditures for the reporting period) [FORM GPAC] (all GPACs) [FORM SPAC] (all SPACs)	July 1, 2023, <u>or</u> the date of campaign treasurer appointment, <u>or</u> the day after the date the last report ended.	December 31, 2023
Tuesday, January 16, 2024 Deadline is extended because of holiday.	Annual report of unexpended contributions [FORM C/OH-UC] (former candidates and former officeholders who have filed a final report and who retained unexpended contributions or assets purchased with contributions)	January 1, 2023, <u>or</u> the day after the date the final report was filed.	December 31, 2023

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RESOLUTION

The Texas Ethics Commission unanimously condemns the use of misleading campaign communications regarding the activities of the Commission.

The use of the statements "a sworn complaint has been filed against Candidate A" or "the Texas Ethics Commission is investigating a complaint against Candidate A" are improper attempts to mislead the public. It is therefore the unanimous opinion of the bipartisan Texas Ethics Commission that the use of such language in campaign communications is an unfair practice and should be judged accordingly by voters.

By law, the Texas Ethics Commission investigates every sworn complaint, whether it has merit or not. Likewise, any citizen of the State of Texas has the right to file a sworn complaint, whether it has merit or not. The fact that a complaint has been filed or the Commission is investigating provides no meaningful information to the voting public. Anyone can file a complaint and the Commission must investigate the complaints it receives.

If violations of the statutes under the Commission's jurisdiction have occurred, the proper way to inform the public of these violations is to describe the facts of the violation or the actual findings of the Commission after the conclusion of an investigation.

The Commission directs that this resolution be prominently referenced on the Commission's website and that the resolution be sent to members of the legislature and state and county party chairs.

A political sign can announce an upcoming election, a position as a candidate for a political office, or an issue in an upcoming election.

- ✓ Signs cannot be attached to utility poles, light poles, street sign poles or other similar structures.
- ✓ The area between the curb and sidewalk is usually City right-of-way: no signs are allowed there.
- ✓ The sign cannot display goods, services, or any other advertising message.
- **✓** The size is limited to 36 square feet and a maximum height of 8 feet, not be illuminated, and have no moving parts.
- **✓** The supporting structure(s) for the sign cannot be larger than a 4" x 4" and cannot be larger than 4" in diameter.
- ✓ Signs must be removed 10 days after the election or activity.
- **✓** Please refer to www.ethics.state.tx.us/resources/advertising for further information.

POLITICAL SIGNS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

Section 216.903 of the Texas Local Government Code regulates a municipality's power relative to the placement of political signs on private property.

PLEASE NOTE:

A sign that is greater than 36 square feet, taller than eight feet, is lighted or has moving elements, is located on a billboard or any other sign available for rent that generally carries commercial message or other non-political messages will require a permit.