



2012 ELECTIONS

FOR:

MAYOR

AND

COUNCILORS - WARDS 1, 3, 5, 7

Primary Election: May 15, 2012

General Election: November 6, 2012

OFFICES OPEN FOR 2012 ELECTION

Pursuant to SRC 11.030

<u>Office</u>	Required Number of Verified Signatures on Nominating <u>Petition</u>	Minimum Precincts <u>Required</u>	<u>Incumbents</u>
Mayor	200	1/5 of City precincts	Anna Peterson
Councilor Ward 1	50	–	Chuck Bennett
Councilor Ward 3	50	–	Brad Nanke
Councilor Ward 5	50	–	Diana Dickey
Councilor Ward 7	50	–	Bob Cannon

The term for Mayor is **two years**. The term for Councilor is **four years**.

Candidates for City offices are **nominated** at primary elections, and **elected** at general elections.

The candidate receiving a majority of the votes (50% + 1 vote) will be the **only** candidate nominated to the position, and will be the **only** candidate whose name will appear on the general election ballot. However, should no candidate receive a majority of votes, then the names of the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be placed on the general election ballot. The candidate receiving a majority of the votes at the general election will be the elected candidate.

CANDIDATE QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Mayor and Council

A candidate for Mayor or Council must be:

1. A qualified elector of the State of Oregon (at least 18 years of age; resided in Oregon during six months immediately preceding election; and registered not less than 20 days prior to the election); (Oregon Constitution, Article II, Section 2; City Charter, Chapter VI, Section 25)
2. Resident of the City of Salem continuously during the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the election; (City Charter, Chapter VI, Section 25)
3. Resident of the ward to be represented continuously during the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the election (for Council positions). (City Charter, Chapter VI, Section 25)

FILING FORMS

FILING OF CANDIDACY FOR NONPARTISAN NOMINATION:

SEL 101

Candidate Filing form must be completed by the candidate in full, and **must be signed** in the City Recorder's presence, **prior to collection of signatures** on the Candidate Signature Sheet - Nonpartisan (SEL 121).

CANDIDATE SIGNATURE SHEET - NONPARTISAN:

SEL 121

The City Recorder will provide copies of the Candidate Signature Sheet to the candidate for signatures.

VOTERS' PAMPHLET

By late January, Marion County Elections Division will have information, forms and instructions available for the Marion County Voters' Pamphlet. This information will be available from either Marion County Elections Division or from the City Recorder's office.

- * The deadline for submitting information to Marion County Elections for the Marion County Voters' Pamphlet, or to State Elections Division for the State Voters' Pamphlet, for the primary election is 57 days prior to the election, or **March 19, 2012**.

- * The deadline for submitting information to Marion County Elections for the Marion County Voters' Pamphlet, or to State Elections Division for the State Voters' Pamphlet, for the general election is 57 days prior to the election, or **September 10, 2012**.

(OAR 165-022-0010)

Polk County normally does not publish a voters' pamphlet. For those candidates whose jurisdictions include the portion of the city in Polk County, the State Voters' Pamphlet version distributed in Polk County is available. Candidates for offices of Ward 8 Councilor, Mayor and Municipal Judge should contact the State Elections Division for state voters' pamphlet information.

Any candidates for city office who are eligible to appear in the Marion County Voters' Pamphlet are not eligible for the State Voters' Pamphlet, except for Mayor, Councilors whose wards include a portion of West Salem, and Municipal Judge.

FILING DEADLINES

PRIMARY ELECTION DATE: MAY 15, 2012

Nominating petitions, together with certificates of the County Clerk, shall be filed with the City Recorder not less than 70 days nor sooner than 250 days before the day of the primary election. (SRC 11.040)

No sooner than: **September 8, 2011**

No later than: **March 6, 2012**

NOTE: The last date to file for withdrawal of candidacy for the primary election is the 67th day prior to the primary election. (ORS 249.180)

No later than: **March 9, 2012**

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING

In January 2007, the Secretary of State became the filing officer for all candidates and committees, except chief petitioner committees for local initiative, referendum and recall petitions.

All candidates and committees, other than chief petitioner committees, are required to file their campaign finance information electronically, with the option of data entering transaction information using a web-based system provided by the Secretary of State or uploading transaction information into the Secretary of State's system using an XML file format.

There are no longer "scheduled" reporting deadlines; campaign finance transactions will be continuously reported.

Committees will be able to file and amend Statements of Organization online.

For further information, go to the Secretary of State

Election Division website:

<http://oregonvotes.org>