



Candidate Filing Opens for April 5, 2022, General Election

The General Municipal election for the City of Raymore for the offices of City Council will be held April 5, 2022. Filing for this election opens at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, December 21, 2021, and continues through January 18, 2022. A \$20 filing fee is required at the time the candidate declares candidacy. The following offices will be open:

Mayor

The office of Mayor is a three (3) year term from the City at-large and is currently held by Kristofer Turnbow.

Councilmember

All four (4) wards will elect one candidate to serve a two (2) year term and Ward 1 will elect one candidate to serve a one (1) year term. Information is as follows:

Ward 1, 2-year term:	Seat currently held by Reginald Townsend
Ward 1, 1-year term:	Seat currently held by Victoria Wills-Scherzer
Ward 2, 2-year term:	Seat currently held by Tom Circo
Ward 3, 2-year term:	Seat currently held by Jay Holman
Ward 4, 2-year term:	Seat currently held by Sonja Abdelgawad

Any candidate filing for the office of Mayor must meet the following qualifications:

- Be at least twenty-five (25) years of age prior to commencing the term of the office of Mayor.
- Be a resident of the City for two (2) years immediately preceding the election.
- Be a citizen of the United States of America.
- Be a qualified voter in Cass County.
- Not be in arrears for any filing or payment of any state income taxes, personal property taxes, municipal taxes, real property taxes on the place of residence as stated on the declaration of candidacy, liens, or is a past or present corporate officer of any fee office that owes any taxes to the state, other than those taxes which may be in dispute, or forfeiture or defalcation in office.
- Not have been found guilty of or pled guilty to a felony or misdemeanor under the federal laws of the United States of America or to a felony under the laws of this state or an offense committed in another state that would be considered a felony in this state.
- File Form 5120, Affidavit of Tax Payments and Bonding Requirement, with the Department of Revenue, if applicable and submit same at the time of filing a declaration of candidacy form. Failure to file Form 5120 with DOR could be subject to questions of qualification by an opposing candidate, qualified taxpayer, a registered voter, or the Department of Revenue.

Any candidate filing for the office of Councilmember must meet the following qualifications:

- Be at least twenty-five (25) years of age prior to commencing the term of office of Councilmember.
- Be a resident of the City for at least two (2) years immediately preceding the election.
- Reside in his/her Ward for six (6) months immediately preceding the election.
- Be a citizen of the United States of America.
- Be a qualified voter in Cass County.
- Not be in arrears for any filing or payment of any state income taxes, personal property taxes, municipal taxes, real property taxes on the place of residence as stated on the declaration of candidacy, liens, or is a past or present corporate officer of any fee office that owes any taxes to the State, other than those taxes which may be in dispute, or forfeiture or defalcation in office.
- Not hold any compensated elected governmental office or City employment.
- Not have been found guilty of or pled guilty to a felony or misdemeanor under the federal laws of the United States of America or to a felony under the laws of this state or an offense committed in another state that would be considered a felony in this state.
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City Hall is open for filing 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, with the exception of the following holidays: December 24 and 27, 2021, December 30 and 31, 2021, and January 17, 2022. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 816-331-3324.