

CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI – CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS

The next general election to elect a Mayor and eight City Council Members is Tuesday, November 3, 2026, in Corpus Christi, Texas.

The filing period for a place on the ballot is July 18, 2026, through August 17, 2026.

Individuals who wish to run for City Council must meet the following requirements:

1. **MUST** be a citizen of the United States.
2. **MUST** be 18 years of age or older on the first day of the term to be filled at the election.
3. **MUST** not have been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote.
4. **MUST** not have been finally convicted of a felony from which he/she has not been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities.
5. **MUST** have resided continuously in this state for the twelve (12) months and in City of Corpus Christi for the six (6) months immediately preceding the date of the regular filing deadline for a candidate's application for a place on the ballot and, if filing for a single-member district position, in that district for six (6) months immediately preceding the date of the regular filing deadline for a candidate's application for a place on the ballot.
6. **MUST** be registered to vote, on the date of the regular filing deadline for a candidate's application for a place on the ballot: in the City of Corpus Christi, if candidate is seeking the office of mayor or at-large city council member; in the district in which a candidate is seeking a single-member city council district position.
7. **MUST** maintain actual residence in the City, in the case of mayor or an at-large position, or in a single-member district from which elected, throughout the term of office, and he/she understands that failure to do so shall work a forfeiture of office.
8. **MUST** not owe delinquent taxes to the City.
9. **MUST** designate a campaign treasurer.
10. **MUST** file an Application for a Place on the Ballot. The application must be accompanied by either: (1) a filing fee of \$100, or (2) a petition signed by registered voters residing in the territory from which the office is elected equal in number to the greater of: a) twenty-five, or b) one-half of one percent of the total received in the territory from which the office is elected by all candidates for mayor in the most recent mayoral regular election.
11. **MUST**, pursuant to the City's Code of Ethics, file: 1) Candidate's Report of Financial Information and 2) Supplemental Report of Financial Information, *each within three (3) days after filing for office.*
12. **MUST** file a Personal Financial Statement, as required by state law, no later than September 8, 2026.*

*Candidates for City Council are required to file the Personal Financial Statement (PFS) as required by Local Government Code Chapter § 145.004(c)(1) no later than the 20th day after the application filing deadline. Incumbent candidates who filed the PFS with the City Secretary in April are not required to file a financial statement required under another provision of this chapter covering that same year if, *before the deadline for filing the statement under the other provision, the person notifies the clerk or secretary of the municipality in writing that the person has already filed a financial statement under this chapter covering that year* per Local Government Code § 145.006. The 20th day is Sunday, September 6, 2026 and Monday, September 7 is the Labor Day holiday, so the deadline moves to the next business day, which is Tuesday, September 8, 2026.