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UPCOMING GENERAL ELECTION 2024

MCMINNVILLE, Ore. – May 30, 2024 – The General election will be held on November 5, 2024. In McMinnville, the terms of office for Councilor Chris Chenoweth (Ward 1), Councilor Kellie Menke (Ward 2), Councilor Adam Garvin (Ward 3), and Mayor Remy Drabkin will expire on December 31, 2024. The respective elected winners of the election will serve a four-year term that begins on January 2025 and ends on December 31, 2028. City Council positions are non-paid, voluntary positions.

The filing period for interested candidates begins on **June 5, 2024**, and all filing requirements, including signature verification, must be completed by <u>5:00 p.m. on August 27, 2024</u>. It is strongly recommended to submit signature sheets for verification no later than <u>4:00 p.m. on August 20, 2024</u>, in order to provide sufficient time for signature verification as verification can take up to a few days.

***Candidates must complete a Candidate Filing Form and Candidate Signature Sheet <u>and have it</u> <u>approved</u> by the City Elections Officer/City Recorder <u>prior</u> to gathering any signatures. <u>Signatures</u> <u>gathered before written approval will be rejected</u>.

Qualifications and Candidate Requirements:

To qualify as a candidate for Mayor or City Councilor, the candidate must be:

- 1. A qualified elector under the laws and constitution of the State of Oregon and a registered voter of the City of McMinnville; **and**
- 2. A resident of the City of McMinnville who has resided continuously in the City during the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the petition that the Candidate is filing for. In addition to these qualifications, no person shall be elected to, appointed to, or retained in the office of the council unless they reside in the ward from which they are elected (with the exception of the Mayor, this position must reside within McMinnville city limits).

Persons interested in running for office must file a petition and collect fifty (50) signatures of qualified, legal voters of the ward in which the candidate is running for. The City's <u>Ward map</u> is available on the City's Website. Mayoral candidates must obtain signatures from fifty (50) voters registered within the City of McMinnville limits. **Please see the note above regarding signature collection.

Hard copies of candidate packets are available by scheduled appointments, or when ready to file paperwork/have questions please call or email me to schedule an appointment. Claudia Cisneros at (503) 435-5702 or at claudia.cisneros@mcminnvilleoregon.gov.

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For online candidate packets and more information on the November 2024 calendar deadlines please visit: https://www.mcminnvilleoregon.gov/citycouncil/page/elections