

Election Information



Filing Period

Candidates may file at City Hall between 8:00 A.M. on Tuesday, December 12, 2017, and 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 on all days except weekends and holidays.

Offices Open in 2018

One Council seat from each of the five City wards; Municipal Judge; City Prosecutor

Election Dates

General
Tuesday, April 3, 2018

The following offices can help answer your questions about local elections:

Cole County Clerk

634-9106

City Clerk of Jefferson City

634-6311

Missouri Ethics Commission

751-2020

MO Secretary of State, Elections Division

751-2301

CITY OF JEFFERSON

City Clerk's Office

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How to File for City Office



ELECTION YEAR 2018

Office of the City Clerk
City of Jefferson, Missouri

BEFORE YOU FILE



Considerations

To file for City Office, there are a few things you must consider:

Do you qualify?

Carefully read the panel entitled “Qualifications.” If you still have questions, you may read the City Charter on the City website at www.jeffersoncitymo.gov or purchase a copy from the City Clerk at City Hall for \$1.

Endorsement

Endorsements from three persons who reside in the area which you wish to represent must be signed either before a notary public or the City Clerk. Candidate Endorsement forms may be obtained from the City Clerk’s office or printed from the web site listed in the paragraph immediately above.

Also required is a copy of Form 5120 which has been filed with the Mo. Dept. of Revenue before filing as a candidate.

Terms

The term for Mayor is 4 years; all other elected offices are for 2-year terms (with the exception of any unexpired terms). The City of Jefferson limits the terms of Council and Mayor to 8 years; there are no limits for Municipal Judge or City prosecutor. For more information on term limits, please refer to the City Charter.

Public Relations

After filing, most candidates provide press releases to the local news media, including their background information, position statements, and reasons they are seeking election.

Local Media

KRCG-TV	896-4534
KATI / KWOS	893-5696
KLIK / KJMO	893-5100
News Tribune	636-3131
KOMU-TV	884-6397
KMIZ-TV	449-0917
KFRU	449-4141

You may be contacted by the Jefferson City Area Chamber of Commerce about participating in candidate debates on local cable access channel (JCTV) before the election.

Qualifications

To qualify to seek a City office, the City Charter and Code requires the following qualifications:

Mayor

The below qualifications apply to Mayoral candidates, except age must be at least 30 years old, and lived in the City two years.

City Council

Must be at least 21 years old at the time of election, be a U.S. citizen and a qualified voter of the City, must have lived in the City for at least a year before the election, and in the ward they wish to represent for six months prior to the election. Candidates can have no outstanding debts to the City, nor ever been guilty of misappropriation of funds in office or been removed from a seat on the Council.

Municipal Judge

Must be a licensed attorney in Missouri, a resident of the City, between the ages of 24 and 75, and hold no other City positions.

Prosecutor

Must be a licensed attorney in Missouri and a City resident at the time of the election, owe no outstanding debts to the City, and never found guilty of misappropriation of funds in office.