

INDEPENDENT MUNICIPAL CANDIDATE FILING INFORMATION

2026 GENERAL ELECTION (11/03/2026)

A.C.A §14-42-206(b)(1); §14-42-206(b)(3)(B)(i)

Any person desiring to be a Municipal candidate for a city position must:

- Be a qualified Voter *Article 19, §3*
- Must be a U.S. citizen *Article 3, §1*
- Must be an Arkansas resident *Article 3, §1*
- Must live in jurisdiction to be represented at the time of filing and throughout term *A.C.A. §14-42-201(c)*
- Must be lawfully registered to vote *Article 3, §1*
- Must never have been convicted of fraud, embezzlement of public money, bribery, forgery, or other infamous crime *Article 3, §6: Article 5 §9*

FILING PROCEDURES:

May 7, 2026, is the first day to begin circulating petitions. A.C.A §14-42-206(b)

Filing Period Begins: Wednesday, July 29, at NOON and Ends: Wednesday, August 5, NOON

- 1) Contact County Clerk's Office to pick up a filing packet or fill out when filing.
- 2) File all required paperwork with the **County Clerk's Office** during the filing period.
- 3) **The filing process is not complete until the appropriate paperwork has been filed IN THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE by the filing deadline, the petition sheets are certified, and the municipality confirms candidates to be placed on the November General Election ballot.**

WHERE TO FILE:

- Candidates may file at County Clerk's Office, 210 West Church Ave., Berryville, AR, from NOON July 29, 2026, until August 5, 2026, NOON, and are to do so **IN PERSON**. **Office hours are 8:30AM – 4:30PM. Phone: 870-423-2022**

CANDIDATES AT THE TIME OF FILING WILL:

- Receive a General Election calendar
- Receive a Notice of Ballot Drawing A.C.A. §7-5-20(c) scheduled for August 21, 2026, Noon.
- Receive a Notice of Deadlines to file reporting forms
- Receive website to register and file Campaign and Contribution Reports - <https://ethics-disclosures.sos.arkansas.gov> All candidates must set up an account and file online per Acts 524 & 994
- Receive a Statement of Financial Interest – due **August 10, 2026**
- Receive a 2026 Running for Public Office handbook or link.

Deadline to register to vote for the General Election is October 5, 2026.

Early Voting for General Election begins October 19th, is available 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on weekdays, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays, and will end at **5:00 p.m.** on Monday, November 2, 2026.

INDEPENDENT POSITIONS AVAILABLE ARE LISTED BELOW:

Position	Ward	Term	Currently Held by
Town of Beaver Mayor	City wide	4	Tim Kilby (Appointed)
Town of Beaver Recorder/Treasurer	City wide	4	Suzi Lakin
Town of Beaver City Council	Position 1	2	Billie Padgett
Town of Beaver City Council	Position 2	2	
Town of Beaver City Council	Position 3	2	Wes Lakin
Town of Beaver City Council	Position 4	2	Ralph Goodman
Town of Beaver City Council	Position 5	2	Dawn Wolfenbarger
Berryville Mayor	City Wide	4	Tim McKinney
Berryville City Clerk	City wide	4	Tesha Leonda Davis
Berryville City Council	Ward 1, Position 1	2	Jason Williams
Berryville City Council	Ward 1, Position 2	2	Max Nichols
Berryville City Council	Ward 2, Position 1	2	Linda Riddlesperger
Berryville City Council	Ward 2, Position 2	2	Ashley Sharp
Town of Blue Eye Mayor	City Wide	4	Sondra Eby
Town of Blue Eye Recorder/Treasurer	City Wide	4	
Town of Blue Eye City Council	Position 1	2	Steve Lautaret
Town of Blue Eye City Council	Position 2	2	Amber Ross
Town of Blue Eye City Council	Position 3	2	
Town of Blue Eye City Council	Position 4	2	
Town of Blue Eye City Council	Position 5	2	
Eureka Springs Mayor	City wide	4	Robert "Butch" Berry
Eureka Springs City Clerk	City wide	4	Kim Stryker (Appointed)
Eureka Springs City Attorney	City Wide	4	
Eureka Springs City Council	Ward 1, Position 1	2	Rachael Moyer
Eureka Springs City Council	Ward 1, Position 2	2	Susane Gruning
Eureka Springs City Council	Ward 2, Position 1	2	John David Avanzino
Eureka Springs City Council	Ward 2, Position 2	2	Steve Holifield
Eureka Springs City Council	Ward 3, Position 1	2	Terrance P. McClung
Eureka Springs City Council	Ward 3, Position 2	2	Harold "Harry" Meyer
Green Forest Mayor	City Wide	4	Jerry Carlton (Appointed)
Green Forest City Clerk	City Wide	4	Morgan Darby-Gonzalez
Green Forest City Council	Ward 1, Position 1	2	Sarah Taylor
Green Forest City Council	Ward 1, Position 2	2	Allison Launius
Green Forest City Council	Ward 2, Position 1	2	Carroll E. Smith
Green Forest City Council	Ward 2, Position 2	2	Odra DeLeon
Holiday Island Mayor	City Wide	4	Daniel M. Kees
Holiday Island City Council	Ward 1, Position 1	2	Lynn Edward Dumas
Holiday Island City Council	Ward 1, Position 2	2	Kenneth E. Mills
Holiday Island City Council	Ward 2, Position 1	2	Sharon Lawlor
Holiday Island City Council	Ward 2, Position 2	2	Linda L. Graves
Holiday Island City Council	Ward 3, Position 1	2	Chris Cushing Appointed
Holiday Island City Council	Ward 3, Position 2	2	Barbara Kuhn
Town of Oak Grove Mayor	City Wide	4	Robert Fairweather
Town of Oak Grove Recorder/Treasurer	City Wide	4	Stephanie Shephard
Town of Oak Grove City Council	Position 1	2	Gary Gray
Town of Oak Grove City Council	Position 2	2	Lajunta Plumlee
Town of Oak Grove City Council	Position 3	2	Aaron Curtis
Town of Oak Grove City Council	Position 4	2	
Town of Oak Grove City Council	Position 5	2	Terry Hutchison
Carroll/Boone Water Board		6	Chris Meador (Appointed)