

REGULAR ELECTION INFORMATION FOR CITY OF NACOGDOCHES ELECTIONS

Next Regular Election to be held Saturday, May 6, 2017

On Saturday, May 6, 2017 the citizens of Nacogdoches will elect two (2) members to the Nacogdoches City Council and one At Large (Mayor). Those positions are Northeast Ward Council Member and Northwest Ward Council Member. Candidates must live within the single member district they wish to represent.

CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS

To run for City Council you must: 1) be at least 18 years old; 2) be a resident of the city for six (6) months preceding the date of the election for the single ward positions; 3) have the qualifications of a registered voter of the city; 4) not hold any other public office for which you receive compensation; 5) not be indebted to the city; 6) not have been determined mentally incompetent by a final judgment of a court; 7) not have been finally convicted of a felony from which you have not been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities.

APPLICATION FOR A PLACE ON THE BALLOT

The City Secretary will accept applications for a place on the ballot January 18 – February 17, 2017. Application packets will be available in the City Secretary’s office during normal business hours beginning January 18. The application packet is also available on the city’s website at www.ci.nacogdoches.tx.us. Each candidate must submit the Application for a Place on the Ballot, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Code of Fair Campaign Practices.

CAMPAIGN TREASURER APPOINTMENT

You must file the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer prior to accepting or receiving any campaign funds. The Texas Election Code defines candidate as “a person who knowingly and willingly takes affirmative action for the purpose of gaining nomination or election to public office or for the purpose of satisfying financial obligations incurred by the person in connection with the campaign for nomination or election.” A person becomes a candidate when a public announcement or statement is made of intent to run for office, soliciting support by letter or other mode of communication, accepting campaign contributions or making campaign expenditures, or an application is filed for a place on the ballot.

CAMPAIGN REPORTS

The **Texas Ethics Commission** enforces the Campaign Finance requirements for candidates and officeholders. In most cases, there are two (2) campaign reports due prior to the election, and semi-annual reports due after the election. The Texas Ethics Commission is the authority for any campaign finance requirements and they may be contacted at

Physical Address:
201 East 14th St., 10th Floor
Austin, TX 78701

Mailing Address:
P. O. Box 12070
Austin, TX 78711-2070

512-463-5800 • FAX: 512-463-5777
Disclosure Filing FAX: 512-463-8808
<http://www.ethics.state.tx.us>
Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday

GENERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN FILING SCHEDULES

Click the following link to see the filing schedule for the general election dates
<http://www.ethics.state.tx.us/schedule/s16uniform.pdf>

VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

To be eligible to vote in the May 6, 2017 election you must have a current voter registration application on file at the Nacogdoches County Elections office no later than April 6, 2017. Click on the following link to download a Voter Registration Application.
<https://webservices.sos.state.tx.us/vrapp/index.asp>

The Nacogdoches County Elections Administrator administers voter registration. For more information please contact:

Voter Registrar: Todd Stallings, Elections Administrator
Nacogdoches County Courthouse Annex
203 West Main, Suite 113
Nacogdoches, Texas 75961
Email: nacelections@gmail.com
Phone: (936) 560-7825
Fax: (936) 560-7838
Hours: M-F 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

EARLY VOTING OPTIONS

Early Voting by Personal Appearance

If you are eligible to vote on Election Day, you are eligible to vote during the early voting period. The lines are shorter and the days and hours are more convenient. Early voting is open to all registered voters, no excuse necessary.

Early voting for City of Nacogdoches elections are held at the Nacogdoches County Courthouse Annex, Elections Office at 203 West Main, Suite 113, Nacogdoches, Texas 75961. Early voting by

personal appearance runs **April 24-April 28, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and May 1 and 2, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Early Voting by Mail

All currently registered voters are eligible to request and receive a ballot by mail if any of the following conditions prevent them from voting in person during the early voting period or on Election Day:

1. Expected absence from the County during both the early voting period and on Election Day. (*The ballot must be mailed to an address outside the county*).
2. Disability
3. 65 years of age or older
4. Confinement in jail and not finally convicted of a felony

The request must state the address at which you are registered to vote, one of the above conditions for requesting a ballot, the address to which you want the ballot mailed and your signature. If the ballot is not to be mailed outside the County and not to the address at which you are registered, you must give explanation as to the address, such as a nursing home, hospital, etc.

Applications for ballot by mail may not be submitted more than 60 days before Election Day and must be received by the County Elections Office no later than the close of business on **April 25, 2016**. Requests for a ballot by mail must be received **BY MAIL** after early voting has started.

Click to download Application for Ballot by Mail (PDF file)

English <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/pol-sub/5-15f.pdf>

Spanish <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/pol-sub/5-15fs.pdf>

or call the County Elections Office at 936-560-7825 to request an application be mailed to you.

Election Contact Information:

Jan Vinson, City Secretary
202 E. Pilar Street, Room 320
P.O. Box 635030
Nacogdoches, TX 75961
Email: vinsonj@ci.nacogdoches.tx.us
Phone: 936-559-2506
Hours: M-F 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Special conditions are available for persons who become hospitalized or suffer a death in the family after the close of regular application deadlines. Specific guidelines must be met to be eligible. For information, please contact the County Elections Office at 936-560-7825.

ELECTION DAY VOTING

All general city elections are held the second Saturday of May and are held at the Nacogdoches County Courthouse Annex, Elections Office at 203 West Main Street, Suite 113. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO VOTE?

Voters must present some form of photo identification in order to vote. To provide more efficient processing, please bring one of the following acceptable forms of photo ID:

- Texas driver license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS
- Texas personal identification card issued by DPS
- Texas concealed handgun license issued by DPS
- United States military identification card containing the person's photograph
- United States citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph
- United States passport

With the exception of the U.S. citizenship certificate, the identification must be current or have expired no more than 60 days before being presented for voter qualification at the polling place.

ELECTION RESULTS

After the polls are closed and the ballots have been counted **UNOFFICIAL** election results will be available on the city's website or by calling 936-559-2506. The election results will not become official until the election is canvassed by the City Council.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE STATE

TEXAS SECRETARY OF STATE

Website: www.sos.state.tx.us

Elections Division Phone: 1-800-252-8683

TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION

Website: www.ethics.state.tx.us

Phone: 512-463-5800