



## Knox County Election Commission

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### **Knox County Election Commission to begin issuing petitions for City of Knoxville Municipal Elections on Monday, March 17, 2025**

Knoxville - Individuals seeking to run for office in the 2025 City of Knoxville Municipal Elections can pick up a petition from the Knox County Election Commission beginning Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The offices on the ballot are:

- City Council, Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6.

Individuals that are elected to the above offices will begin a four-year term on Saturday, December 20, 2025.

The qualifications for the offices listed above are:

#### **KNOXVILLE CITY COUNCILPERSONS**

- Must meet basic qualifications of TCA 8-18-101; and
- Shall have attained the age of twenty-one (21) years at the beginning of the term
- Be a resident of the City of Knoxville for one (1) year prior to taking office
- If representing a District, must reside in the district for one (1) year prior to taking office and shall continue to live therein during the period of service
- No person shall be eligible to serve in the office of councilmember who holds any other elective public office or who is a City of Knoxville employee

*The requirements as set forth in TCA (Tennessee Code Annotated) 8-18-101 are:*

*All persons eighteen (18) years or older who are citizens of the United States and of this state, and have been inhabitants of the state, county, district, or circuit for the period required by the constitution and laws of the state, are qualified to hold office under the authority of this state except:*

- (1) Those who have been convicted of offering or giving a bribe, or of larceny, or any other offense declared infamous by law, unless restored to citizenship in the mode pointed out by law;*
- (2) Those against whom there is a judgment unpaid for any moneys received by them, in any official capacity, due to the United States, to this state, or any county thereof;*
- (3) Those who are defaulters to the treasury at the time of the election, and the election of any such person shall be void;*
- (4) Soldiers, seamen, marines, or airmen in the regular army or navy or air force of the United States; and*
- (5) Members of congress, and persons holding any office of profit or trust under any foreign power, other state of the union, or under the United States.*

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The Election schedule for the 2025 City of Knoxville Primary Election is as follows:

- **Monday, March 17, 2025 - First day to pick up a nominating petition from the KCEC office**
- **Thursday, May 15, 2025 at NOON - Petition return Deadline**
- Thursday, May 22, 2025 at NOON - Withdrawal Deadline
- Wednesday, May 28, 2025 - First day to request an absentee ballot (90 days prior to election)
- Monday, July 28, 2025 - Final day to register to vote before election
- Wednesday, August 6, 2025 - First day of Early Voting period
- Saturday, August 16, 2025 - Final day to request an absentee ballot (10 days prior to election)
- Thursday, August 21, 2025 - Final day of Early Voting period
- **Tuesday, August 26, 2025 - Election Day**

In the City Council elections, the top two (2) vote getters in each primary election move on to the General Election, which will be held on **Tuesday, November 4, 2025**.

## **PROPERTY QUALIFIED VOTING**

Nonresidents of the city of Knoxville (COK) that own real property in the city of Knoxville and have completed a voter registration form using the address of that property shall be eligible to vote in COK municipal elections as **property qualified voters**. These individuals must own fee simple interest in real property within the city limits for at least six (6) months prior to the date of election. The following guidelines pertain to different types of ownership:

- A) **Individuals** - A natural person, and not a corporation or other legally created entity, may register and vote as a non-resident property owner.
- B) **Partnership** - A named partner of the partnership whose name appears on the deed may register and vote.
- C) **Limited Partnership** - The general partner of the limited partnership whose name appears on the deed may register and vote.
- D) **Corporation** - Because a corporation is not a natural person, but a legally created entity, the corporation does not have a right to register and vote. By the same token, representatives of the corporation may not register and vote in place of the corporation. However, any natural person named on the deed as co-owner of the tract of land may be allowed to register and vote.

Additionally:

- the parcel - not the dwelling - must be at least 4,000 square feet in size;
- the individual(s) wishing to vote in this manner cannot be residents of the City of Knoxville, but must be residents and registered voters in the State of Tennessee;
- no more than two (2) names on the deed shall be able to vote, and
- normal voter registration deadlines and absentee ballot deadlines are in effect with this type of voting.

A property qualified voter will cast the ballot **by mail** in City of Knoxville Municipal Elections. The deadline to register to vote for the 2025 City of Knoxville Primary Election in this manner is Monday, July 28, 2025.

## **KNOX COUNTY ELECTIONS 101 – SATURDAY, MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**This three-hour seminar is designed for** interested voters, voters that are interested in becoming poll workers, and **individuals interested in running for an elected office**. It will be held Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> beginning at 9 am. More information and registration details can be found at [www.knoxvotes.org](http://www.knoxvotes.org) or by calling the Knox County Election Commission at 865-215-2480.