

Qualifying to Run for Office

2020 Qualifying Dates

Noon, June 8, 2020 – Noon, June 12, 2020

What happens when you go to the Supervisor of Elections office to qualify? You will file a loyalty oath, a financial disclosure Form 1 and either pay the **\$25.00** qualifying fee or file a certification for 25 signatures.

Qualifying by Petition

In order to qualify by petition and thereby have the qualifying fee waived, a person needs to gather the signatures of 25 qualified voters residing within the Greyhawk Landing CDD. The Division of Elections has prescribed the format of the petition, a copy of which can be obtained from the Supervisor of Elections.

The deadline to submit petitions to the Supervisor of Elections is **Noon, May 11, 2020**. (Candidates must still qualify during the candidate qualifying period.) Please note that petitions may be submitted prior to the deadline.

There is a verification fee of \$.10 per signature to ensure the signers are valid residents within the CDD. Cash is accepted. The Supervisor of Elections recommends bringing your petitions in person.

If you want to campaign, you are permitted to do so as long as you do not expend any funds. If you are going to expend money for signage, business cards, etc., even if it is your own money, you must open a campaign account and will need to file the required forms. You will also need to appoint a campaign treasurer and designate a campaign depository. If campaigning, signatures may not be obtained until the candidate has filed his or her appointment of campaign treasurer and designation of campaign depository.

The District will publish a notice of the qualifying period set by the Supervisor of Elections for each election at least two weeks prior to the start of the qualifying period.

Contact the Supervisor of Elections for more specific information on qualifying:

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