



Nominating Information

APRIL 18, 2023 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Terms Expiring

The term of office for the Mayor and First, Second, Third, and Fourth District City Council Seats will expire in May 2023.

Term of Office

Representatives will be elected to serve four (4) year terms. The term of office is May 8, 2023 through May 10, 2027.

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible to be elected as Mayor or as a member of Council, the person must, as of the date of the election, be:

- (1) A citizen of the United States and of the State of Delaware;
- (2) A resident of the city and having continuously resided therein or in an area annexed to the city during the two (2) years immediately preceding the day of the election;
- (3) A resident of the election district from which they are seeking election, unless they are seeking election as an At-Large Councilperson or Mayor;
- (4) Eighteen (18) years of age or older; and
- (5) Nominated therefore, as hereinafter provided (See Nominating Petitions below).
- (6) Must not have been convicted of embezzlement of public money, bribery, perjury or any other infamous crime (Article II, Section 21 of the Delaware Constitution).

Nominating Petitions/Filing Deadlines for Candidates

Nomination of candidates for the position of **Mayor** shall be by petition, signed by not less than ten (10) nor more than twenty-five (25) electors of the city **residing in any city election district**.

Nomination of candidates for the **First, Second, Third, and Fourth District City Council Seats** shall be by petition, signed by not less than ten (10) nor more than twenty-five (25) electors of the city **residing in the city election district in which the nominee resides**.

The petition, along with the Statement of Eligibility Requirements, must be filed with the City Clerk's Office for confirmation at or before 4:30 p.m. on the last working day in January. **The filing deadline for the position of Mayor and First, Second, Third, and Fourth District City Council Seats for the 2023 Regular Municipal Election is Tuesday, January 31, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.**

NOTE: The City of Dover utilizes the State of Delaware's registration records. Signatures on filing petitions will be accepted by the City if the individual is registered with the State of Delaware at the address provided on the petition and said address is located within the appropriate Council representative district, or the corporate limits of Dover for an At-Large or Mayoral petition, as the case may be.

No nominating petition shall designate more than one (1) person to be voted for as a member of Council or as Mayor. The signers of a nominating petition for a member of Council must be electors of the city (registered to vote) residing in the city election district in which the nominee resides; however, the signers to the nominating petition for the Mayor or the At-Large Councilperson may be city electors residing in any city election district.

There must be attached to each nominating petition an affidavit of the circulator stating the number of signers and that each signature was made in his/her presence and is genuine; and that all of said signers are entitled to vote at the regular municipal election referred to; and, in the case of a petition nominating a candidate for Councilperson running from a particular district and to be elected by district voting, that the circulator of the petition believes that each signer of said petition is a resident of the same city election district in which the nominee resides.

Each signature shall include the place of residence of the signer, giving the street and number or other description sufficient to identify the same.

The Nominating Petition and Statement of Eligibility Requirements are available from the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 15 Loockerman Plaza, or by clicking the following links:

[Nominating Petition](#)

[Statement of Eligibility Requirements](#)

Regular municipal elections shall be held biennially on the third Tuesday in April. The 2023 municipal election will be held on **TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:00 A.M. AND 8:00 P.M.** The polling place(s) will be announced at a later date.

Additional information regarding filing for office, the election, or voting by absentee ballot can be obtained from the City Clerk's Office: ph: 302-736-7008, e-mail: cityclerk@dover.de.us, or by visiting our website: www.cityofdoover.com.

In accordance with 15, Del. C. §7555, you will be provided the necessary documents regarding requirements for filing campaign finance reports with the State Election Commissioner's Office. Please review the [Campaign Finance Section Municipal Candidate Guideline](#). The filing instructions are available on the [Delaware Campaign Finance Reporting System](#) website.

THE CITY OF DOVER, DELAWARE
Nominating Petition

We the undersigned, electors of the City of Dover, hereby nominate _____, who resides in the _____ City District of the said City of Dover, for the office of Councilman/Mayor to be voted for at the regular municipal election to be held in the said City, on the **18 day of April in the year 2023**; and we individually certify that we are qualified to vote for a candidate for the office named, and that we have not signed any other nominating petition for that office, and that our places of residence are truly stated after our signatures.

<u>PRINT NAME</u>	<u>SIGNATURE</u>	<u>NUMBER and STREET</u>
1) _____	_____	_____
2) _____	_____	_____
3) _____	_____	_____
4) _____	_____	_____
5) _____	_____	_____
6) _____	_____	_____
7) _____	_____	_____
8) _____	_____	_____
9) _____	_____	_____
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11) _____	_____	_____
12) _____	_____	_____
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17) _____	_____	_____
18) _____	_____	_____
19) _____	_____	_____
20) _____	_____	_____
21) _____	_____	_____
22) _____	_____	_____
23) _____	_____	_____
24) _____	_____	_____
25) _____	_____	_____

STATE OF DELAWARE, COUNTY OF KENT * SS:

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this ____ day of _____, A.D. 2____, personally appeared before me, the Subscriber, a Notary Public for the State and County aforesaid, _____, being duly sworn (or affirmed) deposes and says that he (she) is the circulator of the foregoing Petition paper containing ____ signatures; that each signature appended thereto was made in his (her) presence; that each signature is the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be; that all of said signers are entitled to vote at the regular municipal election referred to; and, in the case of a petition nominating a candidate for Councilman running from a particular district and to be elected by district voting, that the deponent verily believes that each signer of said petition is a resident of the same City election district in which the nominee resides.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED (or affirmed) before me the day and year aforesaid. _____

Notary Public

City of Dover

Statement of Eligibility Requirements

(Attachment to Filing Petitions for Mayor/City Council)

In order to be eligible to be elected as Mayor or as a member of Council for the City of Dover, Delaware, the person must, as of the date of the election, be:

- (1) A citizen of the United States and of the State of Delaware; and
- (2) A resident of the City and having continuously resided therein or in an area annexed to the City during the two (2) years immediately preceding the day of the election; and
- (3) A resident of the election district from which they are seeking election, unless they are seeking election as an At-Large Councilperson or Mayor; and
- (4) Eighteen (18) years of age or older; and
- (5) Nominated therefore; and
- *(6) Must not have been convicted of embezzlement of public money, bribery, perjury, or any other infamous crime. (Any questions regarding this requirement should be submitted in writing to the City Clerk.)

I hereby represent that I have read and understand the above qualifications, and that I meet all of the above qualifications.

DATE

SIGNATURE

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this ____ day of _____, A.D. _____,
as witnessed by my hand and seal of office.

NOTARY PUBLIC

* In accordance with Article II, Section 21 of the Delaware Constitution.