

ELECTIONS

The City Charter provides that City elections shall be conducted in accordance with the Texas Election Code. A general election is held the first Saturday in May each year. The terms of the Mayor and Councilmembers are for two years and are staggered. In even numbered years elections for Places 2, 4 and 6 are take place and in odd numbered years elections for the Mayor and Places 1, 3 and 5 take place. The Mayor and each Councilmember are limited to three, consecutive two-year terms.

The City Charter provides for the following requirements for filing for office:

- (1) Candidates for City offices shall file for office in accordance with the Texas Election Code.
- (2) Candidates for elective City office shall meet the following qualifications:
 - (a) Shall be at least twenty-one years of age at the time of the election for which they are filing.
 - (b) Shall be a qualified voter.
 - (c) Shall have resided within the corporate limits of the City, or recently annexed territory, for at least twelve months prior to the filing deadline.
 - (d) Shall not, after notice of any delinquency, be in arrears in payment of taxes or other liabilities due the City.
 - (e) No candidate may file in a single election for more than one office or position as provided by this Charter.
 - (f) No employee of the City shall continue in such position after filing for an elective office provided for in this Charter.