

Candidate Filing Opens soon for the April 7, 2026 Municipal Election

The City of Gladstone will hold a Municipal Election on **April 7, 2026** for the offices of **THREE (3) at-large City Councilmembers**. Candidates may file for election to one of the two (2) three-year terms **OR** for election to the two (2) year term as follows:

TWO (2) candidates will serve a three-year term (This is a regular full term that runs from April 2026 to April 2029.)

ONE (1) candidate will serve a two-year term (An appointment was made last year to fill a vacancy on the Council. This election will determine who finishes the remainder of that term ending in April 2028.)

Filing for this election is open **Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 8:00 am and closes Tuesday, December 30, 2025 at 5:00 pm.**

The City Council candidates must meet the following qualifications:

- 21 years of age prior to taking office.
- Citizen of the United States.
- Resident of Gladstone for one year.
- Registered voter.

Declarations of candidacy must be made in the Office of the City Clerk, Gladstone City Hall, 7010 North Holmes, during the City's Regular Business Hours: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

City Hall will be closed on Thursday, December 25, 2025.

All candidates must comply with the applicable provisions of the Missouri Conflict of Interest and Campaign Finance Laws. In addition, all candidates must comply with the provisions of Ordinance No. 4.708 of the City regarding the filing of a personal financial disclosure statement. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in removal from the ballot or disqualification from holding office. All qualified candidates are hereby notified of the statutory requirement to provide to the City Clerk, at the time of filing, proof of identity such as social security card, Missouri driver's license, or must be recognizable to the City Clerk.

Candidates who, after filing their names as candidates, wish to withdraw as such candidate, must file their notice of withdrawal with the City Clerk in the City Clerk's office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2026.

DECLARING DETERMINATION OF BALLOT ORDER

All candidates for City Council, prior to 5:00 pm on the first day of filing, will be eligible to participate in a random drawing to determine ballot order. At the time of filing, the candidate will draw a random number, and the ballot order will be in ascending order. Candidates that file after 5:00 pm on the first date of filing shall be listed in the order filed and after the candidates participate in the random drawing.