

Filing Fees and Qualifying by Petition Method

2012 Municipal Elections including Special Election for District 1

Filing fee: There is a filing fee to run for office in the City of Orlando. It is calculated based on 3% percent of the salary (at the time of qualifying) of the office being sought.

Mayor

3% of salary. As of October 2010, salary was \$156,206. 3% = **\$4686.18***.

2% is 3124.12 goes to City of Orlando. (This can be waived by petition method)

1% is 1562.06 goes to State of Florida. (This can be waived by filing undue burden affidavit)

Commissioner – Districts 1,2,4 & 6

3% of salary. As of October 2010, salary was \$47,944.78. 3% = **\$1438.34***.

2% is \$958.89 goes to City of Orlando. (This can be waived by petition method)

1% is \$479.45 goes to State of Florida. (This can be waived by filing undue burden affidavit)

*All checks must be made payable to City of Orlando and written on campaign account.

Petition method: You may choose to qualify by the alternative method which requires collecting petitions from a certain percentage of the registered voters in the geographical area as of the last general election. Using the alternative method (collecting petitions) allows you to waive the portion of the filing fee which represents 2% of the salary. You must file an Alternative Method Affidavit which is also found on this website.

You may waive the additional 1% of the salary by filing an Affidavit of Undue Burden for Municipal Candidates pursuant to Fla. Stat. 99.093. This form is also found on this website.

Prerequisites for collecting petitions, date you may begin and deadline: Please note that signatures may not be collected until you (the candidate) have filed the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates. [Fla. Stat. 99.095 (2)(a)] This form can be found elsewhere on this website. In addition, per City Code 21.07 -1, you may not begin collecting petitions until October 21, 2011. The deadline for turning in the required number of petitions is January 3, 2012, pursuant to Fla. Stat. 99.095(3).

Number of Petitions Required:

Mayor

Total registered voters – 128,117 x 3% = **3844 petitions required**

Commissioner – Districts 1, 2, 4 & 6

Because this election will follow redistricting, Commissioner candidates can qualify by obtaining signatures of .005 of registered voters of the City as a whole.

Total registered voters – 128,117 x .005 = **641 petitions required**

Verification fee: Also required at the time of qualifying by petition is a check from the campaign account made payable to the City of Orlando for verification by the Orange County Supervisor of Elections Office. The charge is 10 cents per petition collected.

Requirement to reimburse: Finally, please note that Fla. Stat. 106.141 (6) states as follows: *Disposition of surplus funds by candidates* – “Prior to disposing of funds pursuant to subsection (4) or transferring funds into an office account pursuant to subsection (5), any candidate who filed an oath stating that he or she was unable to pay the election assessment or fee for verification of petition signatures without imposing an undue burden on his or her personal resources or on resources otherwise available to him or her, or who filed both such oaths, or who qualified by the petition process and was not required to pay an election assessment, shall reimburse the state or local government entity, whichever is applicable, for such waived assessment or fee or both.”

Dated: 10-18-11