



Candidate Package

George T. Darany, City Clerk
City of Dearborn, 16901 Michigan Ave. Ste. 11, Dearborn, MI 48126
313-943-2010

Information Letter

Dear Candidate:

This package contains information and requirements for candidates running for Mayor, City Clerk or City Councilmember for the City of Dearborn during the 2025 election cycle. Please find enclosed within this packet the following items:

- Information Letter (pages 1-2)
- Election Calendar with Deadlines (page 3)
- Affidavit of Compliance with the State of Michigan Constitution (page 4)
- Affidavit of Identity and Receipt of Filing form (pages 5-6)
- Blank Candidate Petitions
- Dearborn Precinct Map
- Flash Drive of Registered Voters (If requested, fee applies)

Candidates must submit nominating petitions having not less than **100** valid signatures, and not more than **200** valid signatures. For those submitting petitions, please read the instructions in this packet. All petitions used by candidates must be in the form required by Michigan election law. Non-conforming petitions and incomplete petitions will be rejected.

Candidates must submit a completed and notarized Affidavit of Identity. Our office can notarize the document. The Affidavit of Identity must include a declaration of the office/position sought.

Filing Deadline: Candidate Nominating Petitions, Affidavit of Identity, and Affidavit of Compliance with the State of Michigan Constitution must be hand-delivered/submitted to the Dearborn City Clerk's Office on or before **4:00 PM, TUESDAY, April 22, 2025** (MCL:168.644f). Items submitted after that date/time will be rejected.

Deadline to Withdraw: 4:00 PM, FRIDAY, April 25, 2025 (must withdraw in writing) (MCL:168.322a).

Deadline for WRITE-IN CANDIDATES to file Declaration of Intent:

For the August Primary Election: **4:00 PM, FRIDAY, July 25, 2025** (MCL:168.737a)

For the November General Election: **4:00 PM, FRIDAY, October 24, 2025** (MCL:168.737a)

The terms of office: All City of Dearborn terms are four-years.

Candidates are required to possess a campaign committee. Candidates must meet disclosure obligations provided under the Michigan's Campaign Finance Act. Candidate Campaign committees are required to submit campaign finance reports. Organization of Candidate Committees and Candidate Committee Campaign Finance filings for City of Dearborn officeholders are administered by the office of the Wayne County Clerk. Go to this website <https://www.wccampaignfinance.com> and the Wayne County pages in this packet for more information.



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Within 4-5 weeks following the filing deadline, the Dearborn Clerk's office will mail a copy of a Proof Ballot with an example of how your name will appear on the ballot.

When ballots are printed, candidate names on the ballot will rotate in alphabetical order beginning with Precinct #1 with the first candidate being at the top of the list. Precinct #2 will have the next candidate at the top of the list, and so on.

Michigan election law stipulates no person is permitted to solicit votes or engage in any type of campaigning within 100 feet of any doorway used by voters to enter the building in which a polling place is located. (MCL:168.744) If you are a candidate and not a voter at a particular precinct, you **may not** enter the precinct to "visit" with election workers. Likewise, if you voted absentee, you **may not** enter any polling location, as it can be perceived as "campaigning."

If you are a candidate and will vote on Election Day at your home precinct polling location, you may only enter the precinct for the sole purpose of voting and may stay inside the precinct for only the time in which it takes you to vote. The Michigan Elections Bureau can be reached at 517-373-2540 for more information.

If our office can assist you in any way, please let us know. We are here to help. We wish you well during the election season!

Yours for Dearborn,

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Election Calendar with Deadlines

Primary Election

TUESDAY, **August 5, 2025**

Deadline for Voter Registration – TUESDAY, **August 5, 2025**

Absentee Ballots are available at the Dearborn Administrative Center: **THURSDAY, June 26, 2025**

Last day an AV ballot can be mailed to voter: **FRIDAY, August 1, 2025**

Last day an AV ballot can be issued to voter: **MONDAY, August 4, 2025** (before 4:00pm)

General Election

TUESDAY, **November 4, 2025**

Deadline for Voter Registration – TUESDAY, **November 4, 2025**

Absentee Ballots are available at the Dearborn Administrative Center: **THURSDAY, September 25, 2025**

Last day an AV ballot can be mailed to voter: **FRIDAY, October 31, 2025**

Last day an AV ballot can be issued to voter: **MONDAY, November 3, 2025** (before 4:00pm)

Filing Information:

Candidates must submit:

- An Affidavit of Identity
- Nominating petition (minimum of **100** valid signatures; no more than **200** signatures can be filed to cover the minimum signature requirement.)
- Deadline For Petitions: 4:00 PM on **Tuesday, April 22, 2025** (MCL:168.644f)
- Deadline to Withdraw: 4:00 PM on **Friday, April 25, 2025** (*must withdraw in writing*) (MCL:168.322a)
- Deadline for WRITE-IN CANDIDATES to file Declaration of Intent: 4:00 PM on **Friday, July 25, 2025** (for the August Primary Election) & 4:00 PM on Friday, **October 24, 2025** (for the November General Election.) (MCL:168.737a)



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Affidavit of Compliance with the State Constitution

The electorate of the State of Michigan amended the State Constitution in November 2010. That constitutional amendment makes a person ineligible for election or appointment to any state or local elective office or to hold a position in public employment in this state that is policy-making or has discretionary authority over public assets if:

- Within the preceding 20 years, the person was convicted of a felony involving dishonesty, deceit, fraud or a breach of the public trust; and
- The conviction was related to the person’s official capacity while holding any elective office or position of employment in local, state or federal government

I attest that I have not been convicted of a felony involving dishonesty, deceit, fraud, or a breach of the public trust in the last twenty (20) years. Furthermore, if elected, I understand and agree that falsification of this document will result my immediate removal from office.

Signature

Printed Name

Notary Certification

_____, did appear before me this _____

day of _____, 2025 and placed his/her signature on this document.

Signature of Notary

(seal)

Printed Name of Notary
Acting in Wayne County, Michigan

My commission expires on the _____ day of _____, _____.