

## **Answers to FAQ's about elections under the Jefferson City's non-partisan election system**

**Q: Does it cost anything to file?**

A: A filing fee is no longer required.

**Q: Do I have to belong to a political party?**

A: No.

**Q: What do I need to do if I want to file for office?**

A: You will need the endorsements of THREE persons living in the area that you would like to represent. The Candidate Endorsement Form can either be filled out at the time you file for office (by bringing the three endorsers to filing), *or may be completed prior to the time filing occurs and brought with you when you file.* It is acceptable to have part of your signatures completed, and bring the remaining endorsers with you when you file. *However, at the time filing officially occurs, and you sign the Declaration of Candidacy, you must have obtained all three of your endorsement signatures.* Signatures of your endorsers will need to be made before a notary or the City Clerk.

**Q: What happens if more than two people file for the same office?**

A: A primary election will be held in February if three candidates file for same office. The top two vote-getters will go on to April ballot. However, if one of those candidates receives over 50% of the vote in February, that candidate's name will appear alone on the April ballot.

**Q: If only two people file for the same office, will they be on the ballot in February or in April?**

A: If only two candidates file for an office, their names will appear only on April ballot, and not appear on the February ballot.

**Q: Where will my name be on the ballot?**

A: Your name will appear on the ballot(s) in the same order in which you file for office. Same-party political affiliation with state's governor will no longer apply in determining placement of names on ballot. To avoid confusion, on the first day of filing, you will receive a number based on the order in which you arrive to await the opening of the filing period. You will then be filed according to the number you receive. You cannot send someone else to "hold a place" for you. Only persons planning to file for office will be given a number.

To avoid receiving conflicting information, please call the City Clerk's office at 634-6311 with any questions.