

Considerations

To file for City Office, there are a few things you must consider:

◆ **Do you qualify?** - Carefully read the panel entitled “Qualifications.” If you still have questions, you may read the City Charter on the City Clerk’s page at www.jeffcitymo.org or purchase a copy from the City Clerk at City Hall for \$1.

◆ **Endorsement** - In 2002, the voters of Jefferson City approved a “non-partisan” election system. A filing fee is no longer required to file as a candidate for City Office. However, endorsements from three persons who reside in the area which you wish to represent must be signed either before a notary public or the City Clerk. Candidate Endorsement forms may be obtained from the City Clerk’s office or printed from the web site listed in the paragraph immediately above.

◆ **Terms** - The term for Mayor is 4 years; all other elected offices are for 2-year terms (with the exception of any unexpired terms). The City of Jefferson limits the terms of Council and Mayor to 8 years; there are no limits for Municipal Judge or City prosecutor. For more information on term limits, please refer to the City Charter.

Public Relations

After filing, most candidates provide press releases to the local news media, including their background information, position statements and reasons why they are seeking the position.

Local Media

KRCG-TV	896-4534 (Jefferson City)
KATI / KWOS	893-7857 (Jefferson City)
KLIK / KJMO	893-5100 (Jefferson City)
<u>News Tribune</u>	636-3131 (send photo with press release)
KOMU-TV	884-6397 (Columbia)
KMIZ-TV	449-0917 (Columbia)
KFRU	449-4141 (Columbia)

You will be contacted by the Jefferson City Area Chamber of Commerce about participating in candidate debates on local cable access channel (JCTV) before the election.

Qualifications

To qualify to seek a seat on the Council, the City Charter requires the following qualifications:

Age - Candidates must be at least 21 years old at the time of election

Citizenship - Candidates should be a United States citizen and be a qualified voter of the City of Jefferson

Residency - Candidates must have lived in the City for at least a year before the election and in the ward they wish to represent for six months prior to the election

Background - Candidates can have no outstanding debts to the City, nor can they have ever been guilty of misappropriation of funds in office or been removed from a seat on the Council

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Mayoral Qualifications - The above qualifications apply to Mayoral candidates, except that the candidate must be at least 30 years old and have lived in the City two years.

Municipal Judge Qualifications - Candidate must be a licensed attorney in Missouri, a resident of Jefferson City and Missouri between the ages of 24 and 75. The Municipal Judge can hold no other City positions.

Prosecutor - Candidate must be a licensed attorney in Missouri and a City resident at the time of the election; have no outstanding debts to the City; and never been found guilty of misappropriation of funds in office.

Election Information

Filing Period - Candidates may file at City Hall between 8:00 A.M. on Tuesday, October 13, 2009, and 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 17, 2009.

Offices Open - Council seats from each of the five city wards, Municipal Judge, and City Prosecutor. All terms are two years except for one unexpired term in Ward Three, which will be one-year.

Election Dates - Primary (if needed), Tuesday, February 2, 2010. General, Tuesday, April 6, 2010.

The following people can help answer your questions about local elections:

COLE COUNTY CLERK

Marvin Register 634-9106

CITY CLERK OF JEFFERSON CITY

Phyllis Powell 634-6311

MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION

Joe Carroll 751-2020

Missouri Secretary of State - Elections Div.

Mike Bushmann & Kay Dinolfo 751-2301

How to File for City Office



Election Year 2010

Office of the City Clerk
City of Jefferson, Missouri