

CITY OF LEWISTON
INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTION

FIRST DAY NOMINATION PAPERS ISSUED
FOR CIRCULATION AND FILING:

TUESDAY, JULY 6, 2021

LAST FILING DATE:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2021
(No later than 4:30pm)

ELECTION DAY:

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021
(Polls open 7:00am - 8:00pm)

NUMBER OF SIGNATURES NEEDED:

FOR MAYOR:
(Two year term)

Must be signed by not less than 100 nor more than 200 qualified voters of Lewiston. All candidates must be at least 20 years old and must have registered and qualified to vote within the city on or prior to March 3, 2021.

FOR CITY COUNCILOR:
(Two year term)

Must be signed by not less than 50 nor more than 100 qualified voters of your ward. All candidates must be at least 20 years old and must have registered and qualified to vote in their respective city ward on or prior to June 3, 2021.

FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE:
(Two year term)

Must be signed by not less than 50 nor more than 100 qualified voters of your ward. All candidates must be at least 20 years old and must have registered and qualified to vote in their respective city ward on or prior to June 3, 2021.

**FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE –
AT LARGE:**
(Two year term)

Must be signed by not less than 50 nor more than 100 qualified voters of Lewiston. All candidates must be at least 20 years old and must have registered and qualified to vote within the city on or prior to June 3, 2021.

The candidate's name as listed on the nomination papers shall be the way the name appears on the city ballot. Candidates shall review and verify their name on their nomination papers.

PLEASE PLAN TO FILE YOUR NOMINATION PAPERS EARLY IN ORDER TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT TIME TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL SIGNATURES, IF NECESSARY.

Please see the other side of this sheet for additional information.

Questions: Elections Division, Lewiston City Clerk's Department 513-3124

IMPORTANT NOTES FOR EACH CANDIDATE:

COLLECTION OF SIGNATURES

- The voter may sign as many nomination papers for each office as the voter chooses, regardless of the number of vacancies to be filled.
- The petition circulator must witness the signature of each person who signs the nomination petition. Petition forms may not be left in stores, on counters, etc. and picked up later.
- It is unlawful for one person to sign another person's name to a petition (this includes the signature of one's spouse).
- Be sure that the person who circulates the nomination petition signs the petition circulator's oath in the presence of a Notary Public or Attorney at Law.

CITY CHARTER REQUIREMENTS

- No person who holds an appointive office in the city government or is an employee of the city shall hold an elective office in the city government. A person holding an elective office shall be eligible, during his/her term of office to become a candidate for the same or another elective office. (Sec 2.05)
- No person shall be a candidate for more than one city elective office in the same city election. (Sec. 2.05)
- Any elected official or their spouse who has a financial interest, direct or indirect, in any contract with the city or in the purchase or sale of any land, material, supplies or services to the city or to a contractor supplying the city, shall make known that interest and shall refrain from voting upon or otherwise participating in his/her capacity as an elected official, in the making of such purchase or sale or in the making or performance of such contract. (Sec. 8.04)
- Any person convicted of any crimes involving falsification in official matters, bribery, corrupt practices or obstructing governmental administration, as these crimes are defined in the Revised Statutes of Maine, as amended, shall be ineligible for a period of two (2) years following said conviction to hold a city office or employment, except as otherwise provided by law. (Sec. 8.05b)

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Campaign finance reporting requirements are in effect once a person “qualifies by nomination petition as a candidate” or “acts in any capacity as a candidate”. If the candidate is planning to solicit and collect campaign contributions while gathering signatures for the nomination petition, then the person is “acting as a candidate” and is subject to follow the Maine State Campaign Finance regulations. Informational material is available from the City Clerk's Office and candidates should request this material before collecting campaign donations. Once a candidate qualifies by nomination petition (correct number of signatures are verified), this material will be sent automatically to the candidate by the City Clerk's Office.

WARD BOUNDARIES

A city ward map is available for viewing on the city's website at <http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/elections> and also for purchase from the City's Planning Department for \$10 a map.