

ELECTION RULES – CITY OF SANFORD

Candidate Petition Process.

- (1) **Qualification by Petition.** A person who seeks to qualify as a candidate for any office and who meets the petition requirements of this rule and Sec. 6.02(c) Sanford Charter is not required to pay the 5% qualifying fee required by Sec. 6.02(a) Sanford Charter. The person is required to submit a Certificate of having obtained the required number of signatures during the qualifying period as a part of the qualifying process.
- (2) **Required Number of Signatures.** A candidate for Mayor shall obtain 500 signatures of eligible voters residing within the City. A candidate for Commissioner shall obtain 250 signatures of eligible voters residing within the Commission District in which the candidate seeks election. Signatures may be obtained beginning 120 days in advance of the opening of the qualifying period.
- (3) **Format of Petition.**
 - (a) The format of a candidate petition shall be in accordance with Form DS-DE 104 (effective 9/11) entitled "Candidate Petition Form". Said Form DS-DE 104 is hereby incorporated by reference and is available from the City Clerk, 300 N. Park Avenue, Sanford, Florida 32771, 407.688.5010, or by download from the City of Sanford Election forms webpage at: www.sanfordfl.gov. No signature shall be counted toward the number of signatures required unless it is on the prescribed petition form.
- (4) **Submission of Petition.**
 - (a) Candidates may begin collecting and filing names on petitions 120 days in advance of the opening of the qualifying period. Each petition must be submitted to the Seminole County Supervisor of Elections before the end of the qualifying period for the office sought. It is the responsibility of the candidate to ensure that the signed petition form is properly filed with the Seminole County Supervisor of Elections.
 - (b) Each petition must be accompanied by a \$.10 per signature verification fee in the form of a check drawn on the candidate's campaign account and payable to the Seminole County Supervisor of Elections, or accompanied by a properly executed Affidavit of Undue Burden.
- (5) **Verification of Signatures.**
 - (a) Upon receipt of candidate petition forms and payment of applicable signature verification fees, the Seminole County Supervisor of Elections shall verify the signatures on each petition form to ensure that each person signing

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the petition form is a registered voter in the City or District. The Seminole County Supervisor of Elections shall also verify that the date the voter signed the petition form is not more than 120 days in advance of the opening of the qualifying period. If the candidate is running for City Commissioner, the petition must indicate the District number or the signature is not valid.

(b) Except for the date the voter signed the petition form, the Seminole County Supervisor of Elections shall verify a signature on a candidate petition form under the same criteria and method(s) as are normatively used to verify signatures on petition forms submitted pursuant to Sec. 99.095, F.S.

(6) Determination of Required Number of Signatures.

(a) The Seminole County Supervisor of Elections shall provide timely notification of the number of petitions certified as valid to the Candidate.

(7) Qualifying. *During the qualifying period* the candidate must submit:

(a) Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates [Form DS-DE 9], if not previously submitted.

(b) Affidavit of Residency.

(c) Documentation of residency.

(d) Certificate of having obtained a sufficient number of signatures.

(e) Candidate Oath [Form DS-DE 302NP]

(f) Statement of Financial Interests [CE FORM 1]. For further information, see Instructions Sheet with Form 1.

CANDIDATE PETITION

Notes: - All information on this form becomes a public record upon receipt by the Supervisor of Elections.
- It is a crime to knowingly sign more than one petition for a candidate. [Section 104.185, Florida Statutes]
- If all requested information on this form is not completed, the form will not be valid as a Candidate Petition form.

I, _____ the undersigned, a registered voter
(print name as it appears on your voter information card)

in said state and county, petition to have the name of _____
placed on the Primary/General Election Ballot as a: [check/complete box, as applicable]

Nonpartisan No party affiliation _____ Party . candidate for the office of .

(insert title of office and include district, circuit, group, seat number, if applicable)

Date of Birth or Voter Registration Number
(MM/DD/YY)

Address

City

County

State

Zip Code

Signature of Voter

Date Signed (MM/DD/YY)
[to be completed by Voter]