

City of Bellevue
ELECTION 2024 INFORMATION

ELECTION DATE: NOVEMBER 5, 2024

SEATS OPEN:

- **Mayor/Commissioner: CHRISTINE DOBKOWSKI (4-year term)**
- **Seat 2: COMMISSIONER DWYER (4-year term)**
- **Seat 4: COMMISSIONER ROBERT “BO” SMITH (4-year term)**

CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS:

- RESIDENT OF AND HAVE LIVED IN THE CITY OF BELLEVUE FOR ONE (1) YEAR IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING DATE OF ELECTION
- RESIDENT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES
- QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN CITY, COUNTY, AND NATIONAL ELECTIONS
- 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER
- PAID CITY QUALIFYING FEE WHICH IS 3% OF THE ELECTED OFFICIALS ANNUAL SALARY; PAID STATE ELECTION ASSESSMENT FEE WHICH IS 1% OF THE ELECTED OFFICIALS ANNUAL SALARY

Qualification Period: Opens at 8 AM AUGUST 19, 2024
Closes at 4 PM AUGUST 22, 2024

All Candidates are required to qualify during the official qualifying period.

STEPS TO BECOME A CANDIDATE

Step 1 – File Your Intent

File with the City Clerk the *Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository* [Form DS - DE9](#). (this form can be filed at any time)

This form must be filed with the Clerk prior to opening the campaign depository, accepting contributions, and making expenditures.

Step 2 – Statement of Candidate

Within 10 days after filing the *Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository* form, you **MUST** file a Statement of Candidate [Form DS-DE84](#).

Step 3 – Qualify During the Official Qualifying Period (August 19th – August 22nd)

Pursuant to [Florida Statute 99.061](#), as a qualifying office, we may accept and hold qualifying papers submitted not earlier than 14 days prior to the beginning of the qualifying period, to be processed and filed during the qualifying period.

In addition, the following must also be filed with the City Clerk during the qualifying period:

- **Qualifying Fee & Assessment:**

- Commissioners:
 - \$288.00 City of Bellevue Filing Fee (3% of annual salary)
 - \$96.00 State Election Assessment (1% of annual salary)
 - TOTAL = \$384.00
- Mayor:
 - \$360.00 City of Bellevue Filing Fee
 - \$120.00 State Election Assessment
 - Total = \$480.00
- (or Affidavit of Financial Hardship for State Assessment only)

Paid by check from your campaign account, signed by the treasurer or deputy treasurer. (One check for the total amount can be submitted)

- [Notice of Candidacy](#)
 - [Candidate Oath \(DS-DE 302NP\)](#)
 - [Form 1 Statement of Financial Interest for 2023](#) Must be completed online
1. **A candidate qualifying for office who is the incumbent** or otherwise currently holds a position requiring the filing of a Form 1 must log into EFDMS via the **"I am a Filer"** button and electronically file their disclosure form. The law permits the filer to print and take the Verification/Receipt of Filing to their Qualifying Officer instead of printing the disclosure form for qualifying purposes. Candidates should make sure that they print the correct Verification/Receipt of Filing for the disclosure form required for qualification purposes.

2. **Non-incumbent candidates** who do not otherwise hold a position requiring the filing of a Form 1 must log into EFDMS via the **"I am a Candidate"** button and select the elective office they seek from the drop-down menu and enter their election date. The system will populate the correct form for the office. These candidates will not file electronically with the Commission (their form status in EFDMS will always reflect "in progress"). Importantly, because this category of candidate does not file electronically, they do not have the option to print a Verification/Receipt of Filing. They must print their completed disclosure and any uploaded attachments to file with the Qualifying Officer
- **Public Testing of Voting Equipment Information**
 - **Logic and Accuracy testing will be conducted on Monday, October 8th at 3 PM**

APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY FORM (DS-DE 9)
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You must submit the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository form to the City Clerk's office **before** opening your bank account and we will give you a copy to take to the bank. Some banking institutions require proof of candidacy when opening a free bank account for political candidates

1. Your campaign treasurer must accept the position in writing by signing the appointment form. Your campaign treasurer may serve as treasurer for more than one candidate. You may serve as your own campaign treasurer. If you select someone else as your treasurer, we suggest that you make yourself a deputy treasurer in order to be able to sign your checks per [F.S. 106.021](#).
2. Your campaign depository may be any bank, savings and loan association, or credit union authorized to transact business in the State of Florida.
3. You **may not** accept contributions in cash or by means of a cashier's check in excess of \$50.00 pursuant to [F.S. 106.09](#).
4. You **must** follow the guidelines for disposition of funds in your campaign account. Please refer to Chapter 106 of the Florida Statutes for more information. The deadline to accept contributions is midnight on October 31, 2024

The information provided by the City of Bellevue Clerk's Office is only an introduction to assist you in the early stages of becoming a political candidate. Please refer to the [Florida Division of Elections](#) and [Florida Statutes, Title IX Electors and Elections](#), regarding the requirements and responsibilities of a political candidate and those of your campaign treasurer.

Additional information in the form of publications and web-links are provided on the City Website at www.Bellevuefl.org

If you are unable to access this information, please contact the City Clerk at 352-245-7021 Ext 2109 for assistance.

Other helpful websites:

Marion County Supervisor of Elections www.votemarion.com

Florida Commission on Ethics www.ethics.state.fl.us

**IT IS THE CANDIDATE'S RESPONSIBILITY TO KNOW
AND ADHERE TO ALL ELECTION LAWS.**

The qualifying officer is not responsible to interpret Florida Statutes or Florida Law. For any interpretation or legal opinion, you may contact the Division of Elections at (850) 245-6200.