



# CANDIDATE INFORMATION

### III. Candidate Information

#### City Council Composition, Selection, and Term

The Council is composed of ten (10) members and the Mayor. All are elected to a four-year term. Candidates must be registered to vote in Prince George's County, Maryland or on the Hyattsville City-Only Voter Registry. Candidates for the Office of Council Member must reside in the Ward for which they are running. Candidates for the Office of Mayor may reside in any of the City's five (5) Wards. All Candidates must be a minimum of eighteen (18) years of age upon the day of election. Valid identification is required.

#### Filing for Candidacy

Any qualified resident of the City who desires to be a candidate for the Office of Mayor or Council Member must file an application on or before **5:00 p.m., Friday March 29, 2019**, in the Office of the City Clerk, 4310 Gallatin Street, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., or by appointment. To schedule an appointment, please call the Office of the City Clerk at (301) 985-5001 or contact the Board of Supervisors of Elections at [electionboard@hyattsville.org](mailto:electionboard@hyattsville.org). ***The application must include the Application for Candidacy, Financial Disclosure Statement, Appointment of Treasurer, Acceptance by Treasurer, Candidate Biography, and Campaign Registration Account (if applicable) Forms.***

#### Voter Registration Lists

State Voter lists can be obtained from the Board of Elections, Prince George's County, (301) 341-7300. County staff strongly urges that you do this in person. The required form, entitled Application for Electronically Reproduced List of Registered Voters, is available on the Prince George's County's website: <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/elections/Pages/default.aspx> under *Services*. There is a \$30.00 fee. The cost is set by the County and checks are made payable to Prince George's County, Maryland.

The City-Only Voter List can be obtained from the Office of the City Clerk, by email to [cityclerk@hyattsville.com](mailto:cityclerk@hyattsville.com).

#### Campaign Signs

Campaign signs may be placed on private property with the permission of the owner.

Campaign signs may not be placed on any property owned by a government entity. Signs may not be placed in the public rights-of-way; signs may not be placed on/in medians, utility poles, or parks.

Candidates and political committees are responsible for all campaign signs that include reference to their campaign.

#### Campaign Material

**Please read this section carefully.** If you have any questions, contact the Office of the City Clerk immediately to have them addressed by the Board of Supervisors of Elections.

Campaign material means any material that:

1. Contains text, graphics, or other images;
2. Relates to a candidate, a prospective candidate, or the approval or rejection of a question;
3. Is published or distributed to anyone by, at the request of, or under the authority of, a candidate.

#### **Authority Line Requirement on Campaign Material**

Each item of Campaign Material shall contain an authority line, set apart from any other message, that states the name, title, and address of the person responsible for the publication or distribution of the same, except that an address need not be included if the responsible person is registered with the City Clerk.

Any material that is published or distributed in support of, or in opposition to, a candidate, referendum, or election question without being directly or indirectly authorized by the candidate as provided in the Hyattsville City Code, Chapter 8 Section 8-22, shall include the following statement:

“Authorized and paid for by (name of payer or any organization affiliated with the payer). This message has not been authorized or approved by any candidate.”

**These provisions apply to all campaign materials, including those that are distributed and published electronically and through social media.**

The material need not contain an authority line if the item is too small to include all of the information required by Hyattsville City Code, Chapter 8 Section 8-22, in a legible form, except that reasonable effort shall be made to include as much legible information as possible, **even in truncated form.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to **knowingly** publish or distribute for the purpose of influencing votes any materials with a false or incorrect authority line. Any person who violates Hyattsville City Code, Chapter 8 Section 8-22 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to penalties including a fine of up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00).