

## Qualifications

In general law cities, the qualifications for the office of councilmember are:

- (1) Be a United States citizen;
- (2) Have been a resident of Texas for at least 12 months as of the deadline for filing for the office;
- (3) Have resided in the city for at least 6 months preceding election day;
- (4) Have a current voter registration certificate;
- (5) Be 18 years of age or older upon the commencement of the term to be filled at the election;
- (6) Not have been convicted of a felony for which he or she has not been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities; and
- (7) Not have been deemed mentally incompetent by a final judgment of a court.

(Election Code Section 141.001; Local Government Code Section 22.032 and 23.024).

One additional requirement: if a Type A general law city has been divided into wards, every council candidate must, at the time of his or her election, be a resident of the ward he or she proposes to represent if elected (Local Government Code Section 22.032).