



2026 MUNICIPAL ELECTION CANDIDATE INFO

*resources for those interested in running in the City of Auburn's
Aug. 25 regular municipal election*





June 1, 2026

Dear potential candidate:

Thank you for your interest in the 2026 Municipal Election in the City of Auburn. Your candidacy will be governed by State election law (Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, Sections 11-46-25, 11-43A-9b and 17-5) and ethics law (Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, Sections 36-25-5.2 and 36-25-15(a)(c)). The attached information will help you locate the information you need to know, the deadlines you need to meet and the forms you need to complete to qualify as a candidate for office. Candidate qualifying begins June 9 and ends June 23 at 5 p.m. This packet is intended to assist you in obtaining the information you need to consider running for office but does not represent everything you need to know or do to become a candidate for office. The City of Auburn is not permitted to provide legal advice and all questions concerning the procedures or processes outlined herein should be referred to an attorney. This information is being provided for the benefit of the citizens and is in no way to be considered legal services or relied upon as legal advice or a legal opinion.

Please note that the City of Auburn is a Council-Manager form of government, as defined by Section 11-43A, Article 1 of the Code of Alabama, which affects the laws governing your candidacy and potential term of service as a Councilmember.

To become a candidate for municipal office, a person must be a registered voter in the City of Auburn, must reside in the District/Ward they wish to represent (except for candidates for Mayor who may reside anywhere in Auburn), and must reside in said Ward (or in the City for Mayoral candidates) for at least 90 days prior to the election and during the duration of the term, if elected. Prior to the publication of ballots, candidate information will be provided to the Secretary of State's office to verify appropriate ethics (Statement of Economic Interests) and campaign finance paperwork has been submitted. The City of Auburn will also verify address and voter registration.

For more information and updated forms, please contact the Office of the Secretary of State at (334) 242-7200, or online at <http://sos.alabama.gov>.

Thank you for your interest in serving Auburn residents on the City Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Megan McGowen Crouch". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Megan" being the most prominent.

Megan McGowen Crouch
City Manager

2026 REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION CHECKLIST FOR CANDIDATES

| ✓ | Form | Due Date |
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| | Qualify with Statement of Candidacy Form and Certificate of Residency (see attached samples) at Auburn City Hall, 144 Tichenor Ave. | June 9 – 23, 2026 (Code of Alabama §11-46-25) |
| | Statement of Economic Interests (Ethics) Form – Complete it online at: www.ethics.alabama.gov | Not later than 5-days after the deadline to file qualifying papers (June 28, 2026) (Code of Alabama §36-25-15(a)) |
| | Appointment of Principal Campaign Committee | Complete Within 5-days of becoming a candidate (Code of Alabama §17-5-4) |
| | Financial reporting requirements | See Code of Alabama §17-5-1 to §17-5-21 and visit the Alabama Secretary of State’s website: www.sos.state.al.us |

ALL FORMS MAY BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE WEBSITE
www.sos.state.al.us

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2026 AUBURN MUNICIPAL ELECTION SCHEDULE

| Event | Date | Code of Alabama Reference |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Public Notice of Election/Candidate Qualifying Begins | June 9, 2026 | 11-46-22(a) |
| Absentee Ballot Applications Available | June 16, 2026 | |
| Statements of Candidacy Due at Auburn City Hall | June 23, 2026 by 5 p.m. | 11-46-25 |
| Absentee Ballots Available at Auburn City Hall | July 28, 2026 | 17-11-12 |
| Last Day to Register to Vote | August 10, 2026 | 17-3-50 |
| Absentee Ballot Application Deadline RECEIVED BY U.S. MAIL AT AUBURN CITY HALL | August 18, 2026 | 17-11-3(b) |
| Absentee Ballot Application Deadline RECEIVED IN PERSON AT AUBURN CITY HALL | August 20, 2026 | 17-11-3(b) |
| Inspect and Seal Electronic Voting Machines | August 24, 2026 at 9 a.m. | 11-46-33(a)(6)(b) |
| Deadline for Absentee Ballots RECEIVED IN PERSON AT AUBURN CITY HALL | August 24, 2026 | 17-11-18 |
| Deadline for Absentee Ballots RECEIVED BY U.S. MAIL AT AUBURN CITY HALL | August 25, 2026 by noon | 17-11-18 |
| Election Day | August 25, 2026 | 11-46-21(a) |
| Canvass Election Results | September 1, 2026 | 11-46-55(a) |
| Runoff Election (if required) | September 22, 2026 | 11-46-55(d) |
| Organizational Meeting of New Council | November 2, 2026 | 11-43-44 |

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STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

"State of Alabama, _____ County. I, the undersigned, being first duly sworn, depose and say that I am a citizen of the city (or town) of _____, in said county, and reside at _____, in said city (or town); that I have been or will have been on the date of the municipal election a resident of said city (or town) for a period of not less than 90 days; that I desire to become a candidate for the office of _____ in said city (or town) for the term of _____ years at the election for such office to be held on the _____ day of _____, 20 _____; that I am presently a qualified elector of the city (or town) of _____; and I hereby request that my name be printed upon the official ballot at said election."

"(Signed) _____"

OFFICE RUNNING FOR _____

WARD, DISTRICT OR PLACE NO. _____

CANDIDATE'S NAME AS IT SHALL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT _____

(PRINT PLEASE)

- NO NAMES MAY BE PRECEDED BY A TITLE OR NICKNAME.
- NICKNAMES MAY BE INSERTED BETWEEN THE FIRST NAME OR INITIAL AND THE LAST NAME.

"Subscribed and sworn to before me by said _____ on this _____ day of _____, 20 _____. _____ (Time)"

Notary Public " (Mayor) _____"

My Commission Expires " (Clerk) _____"

"THIS AFFIDAVIT IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 11-46-25."



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CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned candidate in the Municipal Election to be held on August 25, 2026, do hereby certify that I reside at _____, in Auburn, Alabama, which is in the District (Ward) to which I am qualifying; and that on the date of the municipal election I have been a resident of said District (Ward) for a period of at least 90 days (Code of Alabama, Section 11-46-22).

Witness my hand, this the ____ day of June 2026.

Candidate

Printed name

State of Alabama
Lee County

Subscribed and sworn before me by said _____ on this the ____ day of June 2026.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires



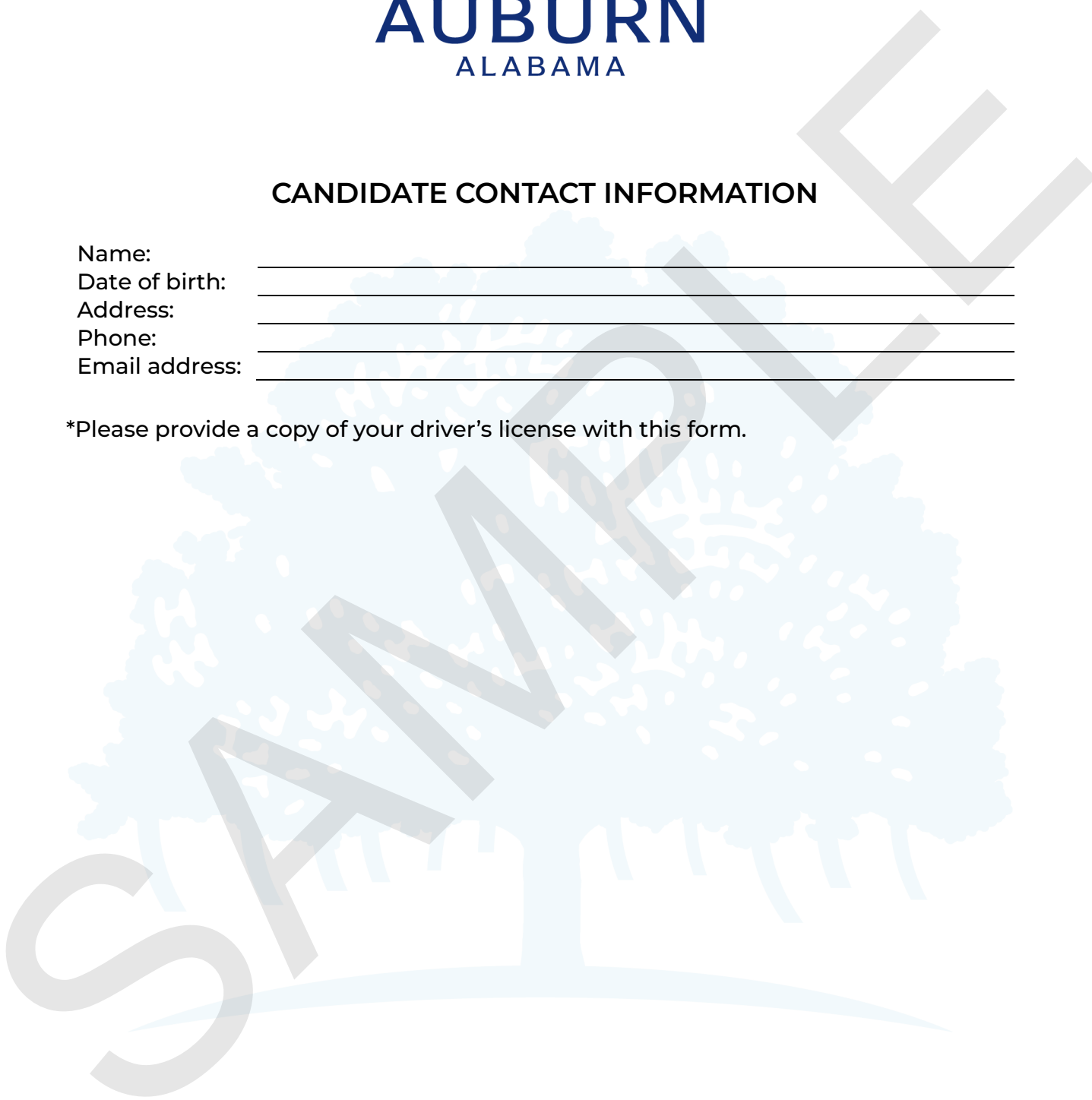
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CANDIDATE CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____
Date of birth: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email address: _____

*Please provide a copy of your driver's license with this form.



CONTACTS

City of Auburn municipal election administration and other City-related inquiries:

Auburn City Manager (City Clerk)

Megan McGowen Crouch

(334) 501-7261

mmcgowen@auburnal.gov

Alabama Ethics Commission – Statement of Economic Interests:

www.ethics.alabama.gov

(334) 242-2997

Secretary of State – Campaign Finance forms and candidate resources:

www.sos.state.al.us

(334) 242-7200

Lee County Board of Registrars – voter registration and information:

https://www.leeco.us/government/elections/voter_registration_board_of_registrars/index.php

215 South 9th Street, Opelika

(334) 737-3635

CANDIDATE FORMS & INFO

Candidates must file Ethics and Campaign Finance paperwork as determined by the Code of Alabama. Forms may typically be filed online or downloaded. Forms and related information can be found:

ETHICS

Statement of Economic Interests (due within 5 days of qualifying):
ethics.alabama.gov/soei.aspx

Candidate Information
ethics.alabama.gov/docs/SOEI/2019/ImptCandidateInfo.pdf

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Campaign Finance Resources:
sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/media/campaign-finance-reports

Fair Campaign Practices Act (FCPA) information:
fcpa.alabamavotes.gov

FCPA forms:
sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/media/elections-division-form-downloads

Candidate Resources (municipal candidate resources at bottom of page):
sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/candidates/candidate-resources

Useful guides at these resources include:

[Candidate Filing Guide - 18th Edition](https://sos.alabama.gov/sites/default/files/2021%20candidate%20filing%20guide%208-3-2021.pdf)
sos.alabama.gov/sites/default/files/2021%20candidate%20filing%20guide%208-3-2021.pdf

[Candidate Filing Guidelines](https://sos.alabama.gov/sites/default/files/Candidate%20Filing%20Guidelines%202022.pdf)
sos.alabama.gov/sites/default/files/Candidate%20Filing%20Guidelines%202022.pdf

Online Filing System Guidelines
<https://www.sos.alabama.gov/sites/default/files/fcpa/OnlineFilingSystemGuidelines2024.pdf>

VOTER REGISTRATION & ADDITIONAL INFO

alabamavotes.gov

Lee County Board of Registrars
https://www.leeco.us/government/elections/voter_registration_board_of_registrars/index.php

CITY OF AUBURN ELECTION INFORMATION

auburnal.gov/elections

(Enter address at bottom of page for Ward/voting place information)