



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR CANDIDATES

Cedar Park Home Rule Charter, Sections 3.02 and 5.02

Each candidate for an elective city office shall meet the following qualifications (City Charter Section 5.02):

- (a) Shall be a registered voter of the City and at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- (b) Shall have resided within the corporate limits of the City, including territory annexed prior to the filing deadline, for at least the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the date of the election.
- (c) Shall have paid a filing fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) or tendered a petition signed by the greater of twenty-five (25) qualified voters residing in the City or one-half of one percent (0.5%) of the total votes received by all candidates for Mayor in the last mayoral election, with each signatory thereto providing their printed name, residential address, date of birth, signature, and date of signing.
- (d) An incumbent seeking re-election must file for the same position number presently held.
- (e) No candidate may file for more than one office or position number per election.
- (f) In addition to the requirements of State law, an elected official filing for any office other than the office presently held or for Mayor, shall resign from such presently held office at least forty-five (45) days prior to the election.

The Mayor and each Councilmember shall meet the conditions of Section 5.02 while in office, and shall reside within the City while in office. (City Charter Section 3.02)

State Law Requirements – Texas Election Code §141.001(a)

- (1) Be a United States citizen;
- (2) Be 18 years of age or older on the first day of the term to be filled at the election or on the date of appointment, as applicable;
- (3) Have not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be:
(A) totally mentally incapacitated; or (B) partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote;
- (4) Have not been finally convicted of a felony from which the person has not been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities;
- (5) Have resided continuously in the State for 12 months;
- (6) On the date described by Subdivision (5), be registered to vote in the territory from which the office is elected;
- (7) Satisfy any other eligibility requirements prescribed by law for the office.