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What's up for election in 2017?

The following City of Durham offices are up for election in 2017.

- Durham Mayor (1 seat)
- Durham City Council, Ward I (1 seat)*
- Durham City Council, Ward II (1 seat)*
- Durham City Council, Ward III (1 seat)*

Small numbers of registered voters of Durham County live within the municipal limits of the City of Raleigh and the Town of Chapel Hill, and thus could be eligible to run for office in those municipalities. For more information about other municipal elections, contact the Durham County Board of Elections.

When are the elections?

If more than two candidates file for any contest, a primary will be held for that contest to narrow the field to two for the general election.

- City of Durham Municipal Primary: Tuesday, October 10, 2017
- City of Durham Municipal General Election: Tuesday, November 7, 2017

Before each election, mail-in absentee voting will be available 30 days prior to the Election Day, and one-stop early voting will run from the third Thursday before Election Day up until the Saturday before Election Day. For more details, see the attached calendar.

How do I file to have my name on the ballot?

Registered voters of Durham County can file to go on the ballot during the candidate filing period. The candidate would file a Notice of Candidacy and pay the filing fee (see attached schedule for filing fee amounts) at the Durham County Board of Elections office.

- Candidate filing period start: Noon, Friday, July 7, 2017
- Candidate filing period ends: Noon, Friday, July 21, 2017

The last day that a filed candidate may choose to withdraw is Tuesday, July 18, 2017.

What are the campaign finance reporting requirements?

When do I have to start campaign finance reporting?

Candidates must also comply with campaign reporting requirements set by law. According to N.C.G.S. §§ 163-278.6(4) and 163-278.9(a)(1), a candidate is required to complete organizational paperwork within 10 business days of taking “positive action for that individual’s [...] election to public office,” which would include the earliest of any of the following actions:

- Filing a Notice of Candidacy
- Making a public announcement of definite intent to run for public office in a particular election
- Receiving funds or making payments or giving the consent for anyone else to receive funds or transfer anything of value for the purpose of bringing about that individual’s [...] election.

What am I required to do to set up my campaign finance reporting committee?

Municipal candidates file the following paperwork with the Durham County Board of Elections. The type of paperwork to be filed depends on whether the committee’s finances will go above a threshold of \$1,000 during the current election cycle.

The candidate must also name a Treasurer for the committee. The candidate can serve as the Treasurer.

The candidate will also need to set up a financial account at a bank or other financial institution for committee funds.

The following forms should be submitted to the Durham County Board of Elections within 10 days of becoming a candidate, as explained above:

- Statement of Organization – Candidate Committee (CRO-2100A)
- Certification of Treasurer (CRO-3100)
- Certification of Financial Account Information (CRO-3500)
- Candidate Designation of Committee Funds (CRO-3900) (Optional)
- If the committee will remain under the threshold:
 - Certification of Threshold (CRO-3600)
- If the committee is or will be over the threshold:
 - Disclosure Report Cover (CRO-1000)
 - Detailed Summary (CRO-1100)

After the organizational reports have been submitted, when are reports due for municipal committees in 2017?

Report	Start date	End date	Due date
Mid-year Semi Annual	1/1/17	6/30/17	7/28/17
35 Day Primary (if involved in primary)	7/1/17	8/29/17	9/5/17
Pre-Primary (if involved in primary)	8/30/17	9/25/17	10/2/17
35 Day Election (if not involved in primary)	7/1/17	9/26/17	10/3/17
Pre-Election	Day after last report’s end	10/23/17	10/30/17
Year-End Semi Annual	10/24/17	12/31/17	1/26/18