

FILING INFORMATION FOR CITY COMMISSION AND BLP CANDIDATES

Key Dates for the 2024 Election Cycle

- ***Tuesday, April 23: 4 p.m. deadline for candidates to file for local office***
- ***Friday, April 26: 4 p.m. deadline for candidates to withdraw nomination for local office***
- ***Tuesday, August 6: City Primary Election (if necessary)***
- ***Tuesday, November 5: City General Election***

1. Candidates must file the required paperwork in the Office of the City Clerk by the deadline listed above. At the time of filing, candidates must have ready:
 - Completed Affidavit of Identity
 - Completed Affidavit of Qualifications (yellow)
 - One of the following two options:
 - Petition forms with the required number (25+) of valid signatures
 - Required filing fee (\$100), submitted in lieu of signatures
2. In this packet is information about campaign finance reporting and a “Statement of Organization for Candidate Committees”. This pertains to **ALL** candidates filing for an elective office. **You must file Campaign Finance information with the County Clerk at the Court House.** More information about Campaign Finance is available at the Michigan Secretary of State website: www.michigan.gov/sos.
3. In 2024, two (2) people will be elected to the office of City Commissioner and two (2) people will be elected to the office of Board of Light and Power. All offices are for three-year terms.
4. Marquette City Charter Section 4-7 details the process for determining whether a Primary Election will be required. For this election, if more than four candidates file for the office of City Commissioner, a Primary Election will be held for that office to narrow the field to four - if four or fewer candidates file, no Primary will be held, and all candidates will move to the November ballot. The process is similar for the Board of Light and Power: if more than four candidates file, a Primary Election will be held. If four or fewer candidates file, no Primary will be held, and all candidates will move to the November ballot.
5. Petitions must contain no fewer than **25 signatures** and not more than **50 signatures**.
6. Follow all directions on the petition sheets. All persons signing a nominating petition must:
 - Be registered voters of the City of Marquette.
 - Not sign petitions for more candidates than there are vacancies for each office (two for the City Commission and two for the BLP).
 - Sign only his or her own name.
 - Print his or her name, registered address, and zip code in the space provided. If a name is illegible, it will not be counted.
 - Include the date they signed on the petition.
7. Signatures will be checked against voter registration files. Those that cannot be confirmed are deemed invalid.
8. In accordance with City Charter Section 4-6, a non-refundable filing fee of \$100 may be paid in lieu of obtaining petition signatures.
9. The filing deadline can be busy. If you wait until that day to file, it is suggested that you do so in the morning.

**If you have questions, please call the City Clerk’s Office at 906-225-8657
or email clerk@marquettetmi.gov.**