

CITY OF HAMPTON

STATE OF GEORGIA

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-03

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are the governing body of the City of Hampton, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, this is an election year for three council seats and the Mayor's seat in the City of Hampton; and

WHEREAS, the City is required to set a qualifying fee for the municipal election by February 1, 2023, in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 21-2-131; and

WHEREAS, according to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-131(a)(1)(A), such fee shall be three (3) percent of the total gross salary of the office paid in the preceding calendar year including all supplements authorized by law if a salaried office; and

WHEREAS, the salary of the Council seats up for election is \$8,400.00; and

WHEREAS, three (3) percent of \$8,400.00 is \$252.00; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hampton is also required to set qualifying dates for candidates and publish the same; and

WHEREAS, such dates for candidates qualifying for the Council and seats shall be Monday, August 21, 2023, through Friday, August 25, 2023, beginning at 9:30 am each day and closing at 4:30 pm. Said qualifying days will allow the Clerk's office an hour lunch break between the hour of 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 21-2-132(d)(4)(B).

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, the qualifying dates shall be Monday, August 21, 2023, beginning at 9:30 am through Friday, August 25, 2023, ending at 4:30 pm with an hour break each day beginning at 1:00 pm.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that these dates and fees shall be published in the local organ by February 1.

SO RESOLVED, this 10th day of January 2023.

CITY OF HAMPTON, GEORGIA:



ANN N. Tarpley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Rashida Fairley, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


ERIN BARNES WIGGINS, City Attorney

City of Hampton Candidate Qualifying Criteria

2023 NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION AND

QUALIFYING INFORMATION

The City of Hampton municipal election will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, to elect three (3) Councilmembers. The Mayor and City Council determine policies, enact legislation, and provide political leadership in the community. Council Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Public Hearing starts at 6:00 p.m. and Regular Council Meetings start at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall's Council Chambers in City Hall at 17 East Main Street, South. Additional meetings may be scheduled as needed, throughout the year.

City elections are non-partisan and are conducted by the Henry County Department of Elections. Elected officials serve for terms of four (4) years until their respective successors are elected and sworn in. The City Clerk serves as the Qualifying Officer and will be the person to receive your Notice of Candidacy and Affidavit.

Certain documents are required to be filed with the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission, or GGTCFC (formerly known as the State Ethics Commission). The website address is <http://www.ethics.ga.gov> and candidates should familiarize themselves with all forms, publications, and the requirements of candidacy for public office. All candidates should also familiarize themselves with the Constitution of the State of Georgia, the City of Hampton's "Code of Ethics", and may find the Rules and Regulations of the State Election Board helpful as well.

QUALIFYING PERIOD:

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 21-2-132, qualifying for the election will take place at the Hampton City Hall beginning on Monday, August 21, 2023, through Friday, August 25, 2023, from 9:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. in the Office of the City Clerk. The office will be closed for lunch from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

City Clerk's Office
17 East Main Street
Hampton, GA 30228

QUALIFYING FEES:

A Municipality shall fix and publish a qualifying fee for each office to be filled in the upcoming election. Such fee shall be three (3) percent of the total gross salary of the office paid in the proceeding calendar year. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 21-2-131(a) the qualifying fees are:

Councilmember - \$252.00

QUALIFYING PACKET:

GEORGIA LAW REQUIREMENTS:

- Shall not have been convicted of a violation of primary or election laws, malfeasance in office, a felony involving moral turpitude, or conviction of domestic violence.
- Shall not be the holder of any public funds illegally.

QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS:

- No person shall be eligible for the office of the Council of the said city unless he/she has been a resident of said city for a period of one (1) year immediately preceding the time that he/she qualified to run for office.
- No person's name shall be placed on the ballot as a candidate for mayor or councilmember unless such person shall have filed a Notice of Candidacy and shall have paid the qualifying fee to the office of the City Clerk.

The Elections Division of the Secretary of State

The Elections Division of the Secretary of State's office organizes and oversees all election activity, including voter registration, municipal, state, county, and federal elections. They are responsible for the certification of election results as well as certifying the qualification of candidates and the preparation of ballots and election forms and materials.

Please follow this link to the official Georgia Secretary of State website: <https://sos.ga.gov/index.php/elections>.