City of St. Joseph
Missouri

PRESS RELEASE

MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL AND MUNICIPAL JUDGE ELECTIONS

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Elections for mayor, city council and municipal judge will be held on Feb. 3, 2026, (Primary) and April 7, 2026 (General).

Candidates for mayor and members of the council shall be qualified voters of the city and shall have been a resident of the city for at least one (1) year immediately prior to his/her election. District councilmembers shall be a resident of his/her district for at least six (6) months prior to his/her election. The judge, mayor and four at-large councilmembers shall be elected to serve four (4) year terms, and the four district councilmembers shall be elected to an initial two (2) year term. The judge shall be at least twenty-five (25) years of age, licensed to practice law in the State of Missouri and shall have been a resident of the city for at least one (1) year immediately prior to the date of his/her election. He/she shall hold office for a term of four (4) years during which he/she shall not practice law. No person who is in arrears for any city taxes shall be entitled to hold any office in the city government.

Any person interested in running for one of these offices may come to the City Clerk's office, Room 303, City Hall, 1100 Frederick Avenue, St. Joseph, Missouri, beginning Sept. 9, 2025, to pick up petitions. Petitions for candidates for all elective offices at-large shall be signed by not less than two hundred fifty (250) qualified voters of the city. Petitions for candidates for district councilmember shall be signed by not less than seventy-five (75) qualified voters of the district.

All petitions shall be filed with the city clerk not earlier than Oct. 7, 2025, nor later than Oct. 28, 2025.

The City Clerk's office hours are typically 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, call 816-271-4731.

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