



Municipal Election Information - 2015

Positions up for Election:

3 - Council Seats (all 4-year terms)

A candidate for City Council must:

1. Be a registered voter;
2. Have resided within Clinton City for the 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the November election date; and,
3. Not have been convicted of treason or a felony and lost the right to vote.

A city resident may become a candidate for a City Council seat by either:

1. Declaring Candidacy with the City Manager/Recorder or Deputy Recorder (signing the form in person) **and** paying a \$25.00 fee; **or**,
2. Obtaining a Nomination Petition from the City Manager's office and getting 25 or more qualified signatures (Clinton residents 18 yrs of age or older) - **and** declaring Candidacy with the City Manager/Recorder or Deputy Recorder (signing the form in person) - **No Fee**.

Petitions or declarations for candidacy can only be filed with the City Manager's Office from Monday **June 1st to Monday June 8th**, as set by State Code. All petitions or declarations must be correctly completed and returned to the City **before 5:00 P.M. on Monday June 8th**.

The City will need to hold a **Primary Election on Tuesday August 11, 2015** if more than six (6) persons apply for the 3 - Council seats. The top six City Council vote getters from the Primary will move forward to the General Election. With or without a Primary Election in August, **the General Election will be held on Tuesday November 3, 2015.**

All Clinton City municipal candidates who lose in the Primary Election, must file a campaign financial statement with the City Manager before 5:00 P.M. September 11th.

All remaining candidates must file a campaign financial statement no later than 7 days prior to the General Election (October 27th) and also a second financial statement within 30 days (by Dec. 3rd) after the General Election. The financial statement before the General Election is to declare contributions and expenditures up to 10 days before the election. The financial statement after the election covers the contributions and expenditures from 10 days before the election through the election time period. (Utah Code 10-3-208)

All campaign financial statements will be made available for viewing on the State website, www.disclosures.utah.gov.

Newly elected City Council members will begin their terms of office in January 2016, after being **sworn in at a special meeting on Monday January 4, 2016 at 12:00 noon.**

More information about Municipal Elections is available on the City web site, www.clintoncity.net .

Political and Campaign Signs.

Political and Campaign Signs shall meet the following requirements:

- a) No Posting on public right-of-way. It shall be unlawful for any person to post a campaign sign in a public right-of-way.
- b) Prior to posting of any campaign signs the candidate, a representative of the candidate or representative of the campaign shall provide to the Code Enforcement Officer the name and number of a contact person for the candidate or campaign.
- c) Posting time limits. It shall be unlawful for any person to post a campaign sign more than thirty (30) days prior to the election for which the sign is posted, and it shall be unlawful to fail to remove a campaign sign within five (5) days after the election for which the sign was posted. However, candidates that advance from a primary election to the general election may leave their signs in place until after the general election.
- d) Limitation of number of campaign signs on a lot. No limit is established.
- e) Limitation of **size** of campaign signs. On any lot in any zone the maximum size of any one sign shall not be greater than sixteen (16) square feet. The maximum height of the sign may not exceed six (6) feet.
- f) Removal of illegal campaign signs. The Code Enforcement Officer or authorized agents are authorized to remove any campaign sign found posted within the corporate limits of the City when such sign is in violation of the provisions of this section. For the purpose of removing campaign signs, the Code Enforcement Officer or his authorized agents are empowered to take all steps necessary to remove the unauthorized sign including but not limited to enlisting the aid or assistance of any other department of the City and to secure legal process to the end that all such signs shall be expeditiously removed from any property where posted.
- g) Notice. Upon discovery, the Code Enforcement Officer or authorized agents shall immediately notify by telephone the candidate, committee or person responsible for the posting of any sign in violation of this section, indicating the location of the sign and that the sign must be removed immediately. If the address or phone number of the person responsible for the violating sign is not known, the sign shall be removed under the provisions as set forth in sub-section (f) of this section.
- h) Storage and return. If after the notice has been given under sub-section (g) above, any campaign sign has not been removed, the Code Enforcement Officer or authorized agents shall remove said campaign sign and keep a record of the location from which the sign was removed. He/she shall store the sign in a safe location for at least thirty (30) days or until after the election whichever occurs first.
- i) Visual clearance triangle. No campaign signs shall be located in the visual clearance triangle located on corner lots. The visual clearance triangle is the triangular area at the corner performed by measuring a distance of forty (40) feet along both lot lines back from the point of intersection of said lines. Signs located within the visual clearance triangle may be removed under section (f) above without prior notice as required by section (g) if determined to be a safety hazard.
- j) Public Property. Political and campaign signs shall not be placed on public property.
- k) Illegal signs, public nuisance. Campaign signs in violation of this section are hereby declared to be public nuisances, and may be abated as such by the City.

Related Sign Information

1) Parking of advertising vehicles prohibited. No person shall park any vehicle or trailer on a public right-of-way or public property or on private property so as to be visible from a public right-of-way which has attached thereto or located thereon any sign or advertising device for the basic purpose of providing advertisement of products or directing people to a business or activity located on the same or nearby property.

2) Public areas. No sign, handbill or poster, advertisement or notice of any kind or sort, whether political or otherwise, shall be fastened, placed, posted, painted or attached in any way in or upon any curbstone, lamp post, telephone pole, telegraph pole, electric light or power pole, hydrant, bridge, tree, rock, sidewalk or street, except when the sign is owned and erected by a public agency or erected by permission of an authorized public agency or required by law.