CITY OF NEW CASTLE 2013 ELECTION

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Candidates shall complete the filing form including address, telephone number and email address. The Candidate receives one copy; the City Office receives one copy.

Each person who files is entitled to one copy of the registration list at no charge. Any candidate desiring more than one list, however, shall pay a charge. Please note, as of this date, January 2, 2013, the City does not have the list. Candidates will be notified when lists are ready to pick up.

OFFICE	YEARLY SALARY	Term Length for 2013 Election
Mayor	$ 3,750.00	2 Years
Council President	$ 3,750.00	4 Years
Councilperson	$ 3,150.00	Two 2 Year Terms* Two 4 Year Terms*
Treasurer	$ 2,100.00	4 Years
City Clerk	$ 2,900.00	4 Years

*Commencing with the election to be held in calendar year 2013, the terms for City offices shall be staggered; the Mayor and two Council members shall be elected for a two-year term, while the President of Council, the remaining two Council members, and the Treasurer and the City Clerk shall be elected to four-year terms. The two successful Council member candidates receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected to four-year term seats on Council. The two successful Council member candidates receiving the least number of votes shall be elected to two-year term seats on Council. Thereafter, in all odd numbered years, two Council members and either the Mayor or the President of Council, depending on whose term has expired, shall be elected for four-year terms. The Treasurer and City Clerk shall continue in office for a term of four years.

All Candidates for office must be a citizen of the State and a resident of the City. The Mayor and the Council President and Members of Council must have resided in the City for two years prior to their election and at the time of their election be qualified voters of the City.

To be a qualified voter you must be:
At least 18 years of age
A resident of New Castle for at least thirty 30 days
A registered voter

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The City Election is held every two years by ballot on the second Saturday of April, except when such date falls on Easter weekend, then on the third Saturday of April.

In 2013, the following offices shall be elected:
Mayor: 2-year term City Council President: 4-year term
City Council Members: two 2-year terms and two 4-year terms
City Clerk: 4-year term City Treasurer: 4-year term

The next election will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2013 (the second Saturday in April). Voting will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the New Castle Senior Center, located at 400 South Street.

The requirements of candidates to run for Mayor, City Council President and City Council Members are:

1. Must be a Delaware citizen and New Castle resident for two years before election.
2. At the time of the election, must be a qualified voter of the City.

The requirements of candidates to run for City Treasurer and City Clerk are:

1. Must be a Delaware citizen and New Castle resident at the time of declaring their candidacy and thereafter for the duration of their term in office.

There is a candidate filing form and information packet available for anyone who wishes to be a candidate. Filing for Mayor, City Council President, City Council Members, City Clerk and City Treasurer will be between the dates of Wednesday, January 2, 2013 and up until 5 p.m. on Friday, February 22, 2013. Filing forms are required to be submitted at the City Administration Building (220 Delaware Street) by the deadline.

Absentee ballots are available at the City Administration building from the Absentee Ballot Clerk, from Wednesday, February 27th up until noon on Friday, April 12th. Absentee ballots must be received by the Absentee Ballot Clerk no later than noon of the day prior to the election (Friday, April 12th). For absentee ballot pick-up, the City Office will be open extended hours on Saturday, March 30th from 9 a.m. to noon and Monday, April 8th from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

In order to vote, individuals must be at least 18 years of age, a resident of the City of New Castle for at least 30 days, and a registered voter in the State of Delaware.

After the Election, the City Council holds a meeting for Canvassing of the Votes, held at 8 p.m. in Council Chambers on Monday, April 15, 2013.

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Candidate Filling Form: Mayor, Council President, Council Member

Date: _____

I, _____ hereby file as a

candidate for the office of _____.

I certify that I have been a resident of the City of New Castle for the required two years, and that I am a registered voter of New Castle.

_____ _____
(Signature as Registered)

_____ _____
Received by / Date

_____

_____
(Address where registered)

_____
(Phone number)

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Challenger's Authorization

I hereby authorize _____

To serve as Challenger on my behalf.

April 13, 2013
Date of Election

_____
Signature of Candidate

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I hereby authorize _____

To serve as Challenger on my behalf.

April 13, 2013
Date of Election

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Signature of Candidate

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To serve as Challenger on my behalf.

April 13, 2013
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Signature of Candidate

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WITHDRAWAL FORM

Date: _____

I, _____ hereby withdraw as a

candidate for the office of _____,

_____ _____
(Signature as Registered)

_____ _____
Received by / Date

_____

_____
(Address where registered)

_____
(Witness) (Phone number)

New Castle City 2013 Election
Posting of Political Signs

Dear Candidate:

You are invited to join an informal agreement that no political signs be posted prior to 30 days before the April 13th election. This will help ensure that the City is not inundated with signs for an excessive amount of time.

Please note that signs are not allowed to be placed at the War Memorial (3rd and Chestnut Streets), the triangle at 7th and Delaware Streets, on the Green and in Battery Park at any time.

Please remove all signs in a timely manner after the election, within 10 days, and consider recycling them, if they are made of recyclable materials.

Anyone who posts signs prior to March 13th will cause other candidates to do the same, in effect breaking the agreement.

Thank you for your cooperation and help in our effort to keep New Castle beautiful.