CITY OF NEW CASTLE ELECTION 2015

Candidate Filing Packet Contents

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Candidates shall complete the filing form including address, telephone number and e-mail 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, 2015), we do not have the list. Candidates will be notified when lists are ready to pick up.

OFFICE	YEARLY SALARY	Term Length for 2015 Election
Mayor	$ 3,750.00	4 Years
Council President	$ 3,750.00	2 Years *(completing former Council Presidents 4 year term)*
Councilperson	$ 3,150.00	Two 4 Year Terms*

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

*Two Council Seats are up for Election in 2015

New Castle Election 2015

The City Election for the offices of Mayor, City Council President, City Council Members, City Clerk and City Treasurer 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).

The next election will be held on Saturday, April 11, 2015 (the second Saturday in April). Voting will be at the New Castle Senior Center, located at 400 South Street.

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

1. Must have resided in the City for two years before election.

2. At the time of the election, must be a qualified voter of the City.

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 will be between the dates of Monday, January 2, 2015 and up until 5 p.m. on Friday, February 27, 2015. 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 starting Wednesday, March 4, 2015.

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 holds a meeting: Canvassing of the Votes, held at 8 p.m. in Council Chambers on Monday, April 13, 2015.

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Candidate Filling Form

Date: _____

I, _____ hereby file as a
(Please Print your name EXACTLY how you would like it to read on the Official Ballot.)

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 11, 2015 _____
Date of Election Signature of Candidate

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WITHDRAW 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 Election 2015
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 11th 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 11th 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.

Candidates are advised

to contact

The Commissioner of Elections

at

302-739-4277

to see if any campaign finance

rules are applicable.

Campaign finance information and forms

are available at

http://elections.delaware.gov/information/campaignfinance

Welcome to Your Municipal Elections!

File a Certificate of Intention if the office pays less than $1,000 per year **OR** if you intend to receive and spend less than $2,000 in your campaign. This will complete your requirements under the Campaign Finance law of Delaware. This is due within 7 days of your candidacy.

File a Statement of Organization if the office pays $1,000 or more **AND** you intend to receive or spend $2,000 during your campaign. This will require you to form a political committee and nominate a treasurer who will file Campaign Finance Reports with the Office of the State Election Commissioner.

If you filed a Certificate of Intention with the salary of $1,000 or more, and you subsequently receive or spend over the $2,000, you must then file a Statement of Organization with the required Campaign Finance reports.

If you fail to file one of these forms your municipal Board of Elections will be informed of your failure to file and you may be denied position on the ballot.

To file the required Campaign Finance document go to:

www.elections.delaware.gov

And select Campaign Finance/Login to Campaign Finance System

If you plan to not exceed $2,000 in receiving contributions and expenses please select

"Certification of Intention"

Follow the prompts, submit the Certification, sign, and mail to:

Office of the State Election Commissioner
Campaign Finance
905 S Governors Ave., Suite 170
Dover, DE 19904

If you plan, or do receive/spend in excess of $2,000 please select "Register a Candidate Committee".

Good luck with your campaign and if you have any questions contact the Campaign Finance Team at (302) 739-4277.