**Elections**

**November 7, 2023, Municipal Election**

**What offices will be elected?**

City Council Post 3, City Council Post 4, and City Council Post 5

**How long is the term?**

The term ends December 31, 2027

**When can I announce my candidacy for office?**

A candidate may announce at any time but must register with the Town Clerk’s office ***before accepting any campaign contributions with a Declaration of Intent.*** Regular reports on campaign funds and expenditures will also be required.

**When is the Qualifying Period?**

Qualifying begins at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, August 21, 2023, and ends at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, August 25, 2023.

**What forms are due in addition to the qualifying affidavits?**

All forms are filed at the Town Clerk’s office:

**DOI:** [**Declaration of Intent to Accept Campaign Contributions**](http://ethics.ga.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/2020_FormDOI-rev-2.12.2020-LOCAL.pdf)(must be filed before accepting any contributions)

**RC:** [Registration of a Campaign Committee](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CAdministrator%5CDocuments%5CDocs%202021%2C%202022%2C%202023%5CElections%5C2020_FormRC-rev-2.12.2020-LOCAL%20%282%29.pdf)

NOC: Notice of Candidacy and Affidavit – This is the Qualifying form due September 14-16, 2023.

CCDR: [Campaign Contribution Disclosure Report](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CAdministrator%5CDocuments%5CDocs%202021%2C%202022%2C%202023%5CElections%5C2020_CCDR_NEYdate_Update-2.18.2020.pdf)

* *Affidavit of $2,500 or less in total contributions eliminates the filing requirement.*
* *If contributions/expenditures exceed $2,500 but are less than $5,000, the Candidate shall be required to the 06/30 and 12/31 reports.*
* *If no affidavit has been filed, the Candidate shall file per the following schedule, 01/31, 04/30, 06/30, 09/30, 10/2,5 and 12/31 or for special elections 15 days prior to the election date and 12/31. Additional reports may be required if there is a run-off.*

PFDR: [Personal Financial Disclosure Report](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CAdministrator%5CDocuments%5CDocs%202021%2C%202022%2C%202023%5CElections%5C2014-PFD-Personal-Financial-Disclosure-Statement_writable%20%281%29.pdf) – due 15 days after the candidate’s qualifying date.

Contact the Georgia Governmental Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission ([www.ethics.ga.gov](http://www.ethics.ga.gov)) for more information on filing requirements and forms.

**What is the qualifying fee?**

The qualifying fee for a Council Post is $36.00. This is 3% of the annual 2023 salary for these seats and is the minimum amount required by State law.

**If elected, what salary would I receive?**

City Council members receive $1,200 per year in monthly installments.

**What is the voter registration deadline for the election?**

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

**What time do the polls open/close on Election Day?**

Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on each election Day. However, any voters in line waiting to vote at 7:00 p.m. will be allowed to vote. The Fayette County Board of Elections will also hold early and advanced voting per state law.

**Can I wear a campaign button into the polling place?**

No person may campaign; distribute literature of written or printed matter of any kind; wear campaign buttons, signs, pins, stickers, T-shirts, etc.; circulate petitions, or perform similar activities within 150 feet of the building in which a polling place is located.

Where can I obtain additional information?

Georgia Secretary of State – [www.sos.state.ga.us](http://www.sos.state.ga.us) or 404-656-2871

Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission – [www.ethics.ga.gov](http://www.ethics.ga.gov) or 404-463-1980

Fayette County Elections Office – <https://fayettecountyga.gov/elections/>

Town Clerk’s Office – Town Hall – 961 Hwy 85 Connector, Brooks GA 30205 – 770-719-7666

Lorey Spohr, Town Clerk – lspohr@brooksga.com