

October 2024

Dear Prospective Candidate:

Thank you for your consideration to offer your services to the citizens of Bunker Hill Village by becoming a candidate in the 2025 municipal election. In an effort to inform you of dates that will be important to you and your obligation to comply with certain applicable state statutes and local ordinances, below is information and links to websites which contain necessary forms and pertinent instructions. I encourage you to read this letter and review the referenced material prior to filling out the specific forms.

May 3, 2025 General Election

Positions Available:

Mayor Councilmember, Position 4 Councilmember, Position 5

City Council will order the annual election by Ordinance at the January 2025 City Council Meeting.

Filing Dates

Wednesday, January 15, 2025, through Friday, February 14, 2025 Last Day to file a Declaration for Write-in Candidacy is Tuesday, February 18, 2025

Bunker Hill Village City Hall Office Hours

Monday through Thursday: 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Friday 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

City Hall will remain open until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 14, 2025.

Candidate filing forms must be the original and be signed and notarized and received by the deadline.

The date to draw for a place on the ballot will be determined in January 2025.



Available Resources

Voter Qualifications http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/EL/htm/EL.11.htm#11.002

First Steps for Candidates Running for a City Office https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/resources/guides/CityCandidateGuide.pdf

Application for Place on Ballot (SOS) The loyalty oath is included on this application and must be notarized.

http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/pol-sub/2-21f.pdf

City's Sign Ordinance under Appendix A Zoning, Chapter 7.11
https://library.municode.com/tx/bunker_hill_village/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COOR_APXAZ
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Declaration of Write-In Candidacy (SOS) https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/pol-sub/2-23f.pdf

Appointment of Poll Watcher (SOS) https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/pol-sub/4-20f.pdf

Political Advertising (TEC) https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/resources/advertising/Gpol adv.pdf

Texas Ethics Commission 2024 Filing Schedule for Reports https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/filinginfo/schedules/s24uniform.pdf

Chapter 258, Election Code Fair Campaign Practices Act - *Form CFCP* (TEC) https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/statutes/ch258.pdf

Code of Fair Campaign Practices Application – *Form CFCP* (TEC) http://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/forms/coh/cfcp.pdf

Title 15, Election Code (TEC) http://www.ethics.state.tx.us/statutes/title15.php

Campaign Finance Guide for Candidates and Officeholders who File with Local Filing Authorities (TEC) http://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/resources/guides/coh_local_guide.pdf

Appointment of Campaign Treasurer by a Candidate Application – *Form CTA* (TEC) http://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/forms/coh/cta.pdf

Amendment: Appointment of a Campaign Treasurers Application - *Form ACTA* (TEC) http://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/forms/coh/acta.pdf

Candidate/Officeholder Campaign Finance Report Guide – *Form C/OH* (TEC) http://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/forms/coh/COH ins.pdf

Candidate/Officeholder Campaign Finance Report Application – Form C/OH (TEC) http://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/forms/coh/coh.pdf

Filing for a place on the general ballot begins January 15, 2025 and ends February 14, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Each application must be carefully reviewed to determine whether it complies with the Election Code requirements as to content; please file your application as soon as practicable to allow sufficient time for this review.

Title 15 of the Texas Election Code pertains to campaign contributions and expenditures. Financial reports (forms included as referenced above) must be completed by the candidate's campaign treasurer (but signed only by the candidate) and filed in my office.

I cannot emphasize enough the importance of adhering to the financial reporting procedures. Campaign reports are considered open records and will be viewed as such by reporters and opponents alike. Should you have any questions regarding the reporting procedures, contributions, or expenditures, please call the Texas Ethics Commission, Disclosure Filings Division at (512) 463-5800 for assistance or go online to www.ethics.state.tx.us. The duties of the City Secretary are limited to accepting and filing the various applications, affidavits, and statements, and noting the date and time of filing thereon.

Texas Election Law requires certain disclosures and notices on political advertising. Please review the political advertising guide and the City's sign ordinance (both of which are also referenced above). There is no permit required for political signs; however, they may not be placed in public rights-of way.

Interest in your municipal government is appreciated and I trust that this will be a positive and exciting experience for you and your supporters.

Additionally, you may want to make note of the following telephone numbers and addresses for further assistance.

Secretary of State of Texas

Election Division P.O. Box 12060 Austin, Texas 78711-2060 (800) 252-VOTE (8683) www.sos.state.tx.us

Texas Ethics Commission

P.O. Box 12070 Capital Station Austin, Texas 78711-2070 (512) 463-5800 www.ethics.state.tx.us

Harris County Voter Registration

Ann Harris Bennett 1001 Preston, Suite 200 (713) 368-2200 www.hctax.net

Again, thank you for your interest in serving the citizens of the City of Bunker Hill Village.

Sincerely,

Gerardo Barrera

City Administrator/ Acting City Secretary