



Process to Qualify for the Office of Mayor or City Councilmember

Candidates may qualify by one of the following methods:

1. Filing a Notice of Candidacy and paying a set qualifying fee to the City Clerk/Election Superintendent or designated agent for the desired office.
2. Filing a Notice of Candidacy, a Qualifying Petition and a Pauper's Affidavit affirming under oath the candidate's poverty or inability to pay the qualifying fee as required by O.C.G.A. Sections 21-2-132(g) and 21-2-132(h) with the City Clerk/Election Superintendent or designated agent.

Each candidate must meet the qualifications of the Charter and Code of Ordinances of the City of South Fulton as well as applicable state laws.

Qualifying Week

The next City of South Fulton General Municipal Election, will be held on November 2, 2021, for the positions of Mayor and Councilmembers 2, 4 and 6. Qualifying Week for the November 2, 2021 City of South Fulton General Municipal Election will be:

- Monday, August 16, 2021 through Friday, August 20, 2021
8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
City of South Fulton City Hall, 5440 Fulton Industrial Boulevard, Atlanta, GA 30036

Qualifying Process

- 1) Contact City Clerk for qualification materials or visit City Hall between Monday, August 16, 2021 through August 20, 2021 to complete qualification materials.
- 2) Provide proof of identity
The valid forms of identification are as follows:
 - A Georgia's driver's license;
 - A valid State or federal government photo ID;
 - A valid U.S. passport;
 - A valid government employee photo ID (city, county, state or U.S. government);
 - A valid U.S. military photo ID;
 - A valid Tribal photo ID
- 3) Provide proof of voter registration. To confirm your registration status, visit the My Voter Page on Georgia Secretary of State website. (Or the Election Superintendent may confirm)
- 4) Filing a Notice of Candidacy and Affidavit with the Municipal Clerk/Election Superintendent or designated agent
- 5) Sign the Candidates' Qualifications Acknowledgement Form
- 6) Pay a set qualifying fee to the Municipal Clerk/Election Superintendent or designated agent for the desired office as follows:

The qualifying fee is \$1,130.28 for the position of mayor and is \$830.28 for councilmembers for Districts 2, 4 and 6. Acceptable forms of payment are personal check, certified check, money order, or credit card - Made payable to the City of South Fulton.

OR

Qualify as a Pauper: Filing a Qualifying Petition and a Pauper's Affidavit, with the Municipal Clerk/Election Superintendent or designated agent, affirming under oath the candidate's poverty or inability to pay the qualifying fee as required by O.C.G.A. §21-2-132(h).

1. A Qualifying Petition must be signed by 1% (one percent) of the total number of voters eligible to vote in the last (2021) elections for filing of the office for which the candidate is qualifying.
2. Pauper's Affidavit

Note: Qualifying as a Pauper does not negate the obligation to file disclosure reports or to comply fully with the Georgia Campaign Finance Act. O.C.G.A. § §21-5-1, et seq.

OR

Declare Write-In Candidacy

Persons seeking to be a certified Write-In Candidate shall:

a.) File a Notice of Intention of write-in candidacy with the Municipal Clerk/Election Superintendent or designated agent; and publish such notice in the official gazette of the municipality (South Fulton Neighbor) no later than 7 days after regular qualifying period ends August 20, 2021.

AND

b.) Submit an affidavit stating that the notice has been published including the name of the newspaper and date of publication not later than the 5th day after the deadline of filing and publishing such notice.

Note: Qualifying as a Write-In candidate does not negate the obligation to file disclosure reports or to comply fully with the Georgia Campaign Finance Act. O.C.G.A. § §21-5-1, et seq.