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City of Gustavus, Alaska

Declaration of Candidacy for City Council 2025 Packet

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Dear Council Member Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in serving on the Gustavus City Council. The Regular City Election is Tuesday, October 7, 2025.

Filing Period: From 9:00 am on August 23, 2025 until 3:00 pm on September 17, 2025.

Qualifications:

A person filing for office for a city seat must be:

- (1) A United States citizen who is qualified to vote in state elections;
- (2) A Council member shall be a city voter who maintains a Gustavus domicile. (COG Sec. 2.20.020 (a)) (FY25-17)
- (3) A Council member who ceases to be eligible to be a city vote domiciled in Gustavus immediately forfeits his or her office. (COG Sec. 2.20.020 (b))
- (4) In order to serve as a council member, a person must be a domiciled resident of the City of Gustavus for one (1) year immediately prior to the date of the election (COG Sec. 2.20.020 (c))
- (5) Not disqualified under Article V of the Constitution of the State of Alaska which provides that:
"No person may vote who has been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude unless his civil rights have been restored. No person may vote who has been judicially determined to be of unsound mind unless the disability has been removed."

Definition of domiciled resident: One who is Gustavus resident who resides in the city, maintains an address in the city, and intends to make the city his/her permanent residence. There can only be one (1) domiciled residence. (COG Sec. 10.01.010)

Packet:

- (1) Council Declaration of Candidacy
- (2) FY25-17 An ordinance providing for the amendment of Title 2 Chapter 20 section 020 Qualifications of Council Members
- (3) Title 5-Elections, Section 5.10.090-5.10.140

If the City Clerk finds your Declaration to be insufficient, we will attempt to contact you by phone and return the Declaration of Candidacy to you. Provided the filing period is open, you may correct the deficiency and resubmit your Declaration to my office. Declarations of Candidacy which are found to be insufficient will not be accepted after the close of the filing period on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. After the filing period has closed, no Declaration may be amended or corrected; so please use care when completing your paperwork.

Sincerely,

Liesl Barker
City Clerk
City of Gustavus



CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA
DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FOR CITY COUNCIL SEAT

Date/Time of filing
(To be completed by City Clerk)

I, _____, hereby declare my candidacy.
(Insert **FULL LEGAL** name - PRINT)

Phone: _____ Email: _____

for the office of (choose only one):

- ☐ City Council Seat A, 3-Year Term ending 2028
- ☐ City Council Seat B, 3-Year Term ending 2028
- ☐ City Council Seat C, 1-Year Term ending 2026
- ☐ City Council Seat D, 1-Year Term ending 2026

I am a qualified City voter. I am a United States citizen qualified and registered to vote in elections of the State of Alaska. I have not been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude without later restoration of my voting rights pursuant to AS 15.50.300, nor have I been judicially determined to be of unsound mind, unless this disability has been removed. I have been or will by the date of the election for which I am filing this Declaration have been, a domiciled resident of the City of Gustavus, Alaska for one year or more.

I request that my name be printed on the official ballot for the municipal election to be held in the City of Gustavus, Alaska on October 7, 2025.

Signature

Note: This Declaration of Candidacy must be filed with the City Clerk no earlier than 9:00 AM on August 23, 2025, and no later than 3:00 PM on September 17, 2025.

Official Candidate Statement

This statement is OPTIONAL and will be published on the municipal website after the candidate has files for office. Candidate Statements will not include write-in-candidates.

Statements must be submitted electronically to clerk@gustavus-ak.gov

Disclaimer: All submitted candidate statements will be published with the following disclaimer:

“The views expressed in this statement are from the candidate and are not endorsed by the City of Gustavus. The text of this statement was provided by the candidate.”

Statements should include the following:

- Name as it appears on the ballot
- A Candidate Photo (composition limited to head, neck, and shoulders of the candidate)
- City Council Seat Sought
- Email Address

Biographical Information:

Biographical information is limited to 150 words or less.

Advocacy Statement:

Advocacy Statement is limited to 250 words or less. Negative campaign material is not suitable for inclusion. Statements may include comments about the candidate in the following areas:

- The candidate's skills
- The candidate's position on municipal issues.

**CITY OF GUSTAVUS
ORDINANCE FY25-17**

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GUSTAVUS PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF
TITLE 2 CHAPTER 20 SECTION 020 QUALIFICATIONS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GUSTAVUS CITY COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. Classification. This ordinance is of general and permanent nature and shall become a part of the City of Gustavus Municipal Code.
- Section 2. Severability. If any provisions of this ordinance or any application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and its application to other persons, or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.
- Section 3. Enactment. Now therefore, it is enacted by the Gustavus City Council that Title 2 Chapter 20 Section 020 to be amended as follows:

Bold and Underlined items are additions. Strikeout items are deletions.

TITLE 2

Chapter 2.20

Section 2.20.020

- (a) ~~A Council~~ **council** members shall be ~~qualified a~~ city voters **who maintains a Gustavus domicile.**
- (b) A council member who ceases to be eligible to be a city voter **domiciled in Gustavus** immediately forfeits his or her office.
- (c) In order to serve as a council member, a person must be a **domiciled** resident of the City of Gustavus for one (1) year immediately prior to the date of the election.


Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance becomes effective upon its adoption by the Gustavus City Council.

Date Introduced: April 14, 2025

Date of Public Hearing: May 12, 2025

PASSED and APPROVED by the Gustavus City Council this 12th day of May, 2025


Sally A. McLaughlin, Mayor


Attest: Liesl M. Barker, City Clerk



Section 5.10.090 Filing for office.

(a) A person who wishes to become a candidate for an elective office shall complete and file a declaration of candidacy with the city clerk. This shall be filed no sooner than forty-five (45) days and no later than twenty (20) days before the election.

(b) A person filing for a city council seat must meet the qualifications of Section 5.10.080.

(Ord. No. FY21-15, § 3, 2-8-2021)

Section 5.10.100 Alaska Public Official Financial Disclosure exemption.

Candidates for city council shall be exempt from the financial disclosure reporting requirements of the State of Alaska Public Official Financial Disclosure Law (AS 39.50).

(Ord. No. FY21-15, § 3, 2-8-2021)

Section 5.10.110 Withdrawal, written notice.

A candidate who has complied with the provisions of this chapter may withdraw that candidacy no later than the last day for filing candidacy declarations by filing a written notice of withdrawal with the city clerk.

A write-in candidate, who receives the majority of votes, may remove their name from that office by filing a written notice with the city clerk no later than five (5) days after he or she has been notified of being the winner during the meeting to certify the election.

(Ord. No. FY21-15, § 3, 2-8-2021)

Section 5.10.120 Publishing names.

(a) The city clerk will regularly update the list of candidates who have filed for office with their name and the office for which they are running. Their names will appear in a random order. The city clerk shall post in three (3) public places and on the city's website election page. These updates will start no earlier than forty-five (45) days and not later than twenty (20) days prior to the election.

(b) The city clerk shall post in three (3) public places at least ten (10) days before the day of election, a sample ballot with candidate names and any questions to be voted on.

(Ord. No. FY21-15, § 3, 2-8-2021; Ord. No. FY25-04, § 3, 9-9-2024)

Section 5.10.130 Election officials.

(a) *Election supervisor.* The city clerk shall be the election supervisor. The clerk shall have the authority to conduct all election proceedings and to carry out the intent of this chapter. The clerk may authorize an assistant to execute designated supervisory functions set out in this chapter. The assistant shall be an election official and shall be administered the election officials' oath.

(b) *Election judges:* Prior to each election, the clerk with the approval through a resolution of the council, shall appoint at least three (3) city voters as election judges to be the election board at the designated polling place. One (1) judge shall be designated chair of the board. The election judges shall not be council members, candidates for office, or immediate relatives of candidates. If an appointed election judge fails to appear and

subscribe to the oath on election day or becomes incapacitated during the time of the election or the counting of the ballots, the remaining officials shall appoint a qualified voter to fill the vacancy.

(c) The clerk may appoint as many election judges as needed to conduct an orderly election and to relieve the election judges of undue hardship.

(d) The city clerk shall give the following written oath to all election officials on or before election day:

I, _____, do solemnly affirm that I will honestly and faithfully perform the duties of an election official according to law; and that I will endeavor to prevent fraud, deceit, or abuse in conducting the election, to the best of my knowledge and ability.

SIGNED _____

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

(Ord. No. FY21-15, § 3, 2-8-2021; Ord. No. FY25-04, § 3, 9-9-2024)

Section 5.10.140 Sale of liquor on election days.

The provisions of AS 04.16.070(B) that prohibit the sale, barter, giving, consumption or disposal of alcoholic beverages within licensed premises on a city election day until the polls have closed do not apply in the City of Gustavus.

(Ord. No. FY21-15, § 3, 2-8-2021)