

again restored to such rights by the terms of a pardon for the offense, the person has received a restoration of rights by the Governor, or the person's rights are otherwise restored by law. (730 ILCS 5/5-5-5)

## SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

Cities and villages that retained or later adopted Article 3.1 of the Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/Art. 3.1), see Mayor-Alderpersion and President-Trustee form for signature requirements.

If a city has adopted the nonpartisan form of government as authorized by Article VII of the Constitution, the signature requirements are those in 10 ILCS 5/10-3 of the Election Code (Independent signature requirements) as authorized by the second paragraph of 10 ILCS 5/10-3.1; not less than 5% nor more than 8% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) of the number of persons who voted at the last regular election in the district or political subdivision in which the district or political subdivision voted as a unit for the election of officers to serve its respective territorial area. (10 ILCS 5/10-3)

**Signature requirements are governed by the form of government prior to the adoption of Council-Manager.**

**Council-Manager (formerly Commission):** 1% of the total vote cast at the last preceding election in the municipality for mayor. (65 ILCS 5/4-3-8, 5-2-12)

**Council-Manager (formerly nonpartisan President/Trustee):** 1% of the total vote cast at the last preceding election in the village for president. (65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-20, 3.1-25-30)

**Council-Manager (formerly a city/village whose candidates ran as independents):** not less than 5% nor more than 8% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) of the number of persons who voted at the last regular election in the district or political subdivision in which the district or political subdivision voted as a unit for the election of officers to serve its respective territorial area. (10 ILCS 5/10-3)

## FILING DATES

October 19-26, 2026 (not more than 127 nor less than 120 days prior to the consolidated primary). (10 ILCS 5/10-6(4))

## WHERE TO FILE

With the municipal clerk, or in those cities having a Board of Election Commissioners, with the clerk of that Board.

## TERM

4 years. The term may be reduced to 2 years by public question. (65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-65) Any municipality of less than 500,000 population who originally voted to shorten terms may submit a public question to lengthen terms. (65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-75(a))

## TERM BEGINS

The terms of elected municipal officers shall commence at the first regular or special meeting of the corporate authorities after receipt of the official election results from the county clerk of the regular municipal election at which the officers were elected, except as otherwise provided by ordinance fixing the date for inauguration of newly elected officers of a municipality. The ordinance shall not, however, fix the time for inauguration of newly elected officers later than the first regular or special meeting of the corporate authorities in the month of June following the election. (65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-15)

"Corporate authorities" means (a) the mayor and alderpersons or similar body when the reference is to cities, (b) the president and trustees or similar body when the reference is to villages or incorporated towns, and (c) the council when the reference is to municipalities under the commission form of municipal government. (65 ILCS 5/1-1-2(2))

## CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE

Reports must be filed either on paper or electronically with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704 or 69 W. Washington St., Suite LL-08, Chicago, IL 60602.