



BULLHEAD CITY

2026 ELECTION INFORMATION

FOR CANDIDATES

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October 22, 2025

Dear Candidate,

This informational booklet has been prepared to assist you in complying with election filings and requirements as a candidate in the 2026 City of Bullhead City elections. While this office will attempt to assist with informational items, this booklet is provided with the understanding that the City Clerk's Office personnel cannot render legal, financial, or other professional advice.

Please note that all original signed documents must be filed, within the deadlines noted in the statutes, at the City Clerk's Office located at Bullhead City Hall, 2355 Trane Road, Bullhead City, Arizona. Candidates are encouraged to refer to the Arizona State Constitution, Arizona Revised Statutes, and the Bullhead City Municipal Code for legal requirements pertaining to candidates for elective office.

The Bullhead City Clerk's Office is pleased to provide you with laws and required forms as well as information related to the election process. However, if you have questions regarding the interpretation of election law and/or legal sufficiency of your filing, you may wish to consult with an attorney.

If you need further assistance during the nomination period or the election process, please contact the City Clerk's Office, Bullhead City Hall, 2355 Trane Road, Bullhead City, Arizona, call 928-763-9400, Ext. 8448; or email dogden@bullheadcityaz.gov.

Sincerely,



Debie Ogden, MMC, CPM
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Dear Prospective Bullhead City Candidate:

- A. As a candidate, you must file a Statement of Interest prior to collecting any nomination petition signatures. Any nomination petition signatures collected before the date you submit the Statement of Interest are invalid and may be subject to challenge pursuant to A.R.S. § 16-351.
- B. You must file a Statement of Organization to form a Candidate Committee within ten days of meeting the committee criteria. (For additional requirements and restrictions refer to A.R.S. § 16-905.)
- C. Petitions have been furnished for the signatures required. Refer to A.R.S. § 16-321 for completion of petitions.
- D. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 16-311, the following properly executed forms must be submitted to the City Clerk for the official filing of your candidacy no more than 150 days before the primary election (no earlier than March 7, 2026); and not less than 120 days before the primary election (no later than April 6, 2026):
 - 1. Petitions containing no less than 398 valid signatures.
 - 2. The Nominating Paper, Declaration of Qualification, and a Campaign Finance Statement included in the Declaration that states you have no final, outstanding judgements against you of more than an aggregate of \$1,000 due to your failure to comply with or enforcement of Title 16, Chapter 6, Arizona Revised Statutes (signed under penalty of perjury).
 - 3. The Financial Disclosure Statement prescribed by the Secretary of State.

I have provided additional information regarding the 2026 Bullhead City Primary and General Elections for your reference.

Sincerely,



Debie Ogden, MMC, CPM
City Clerk

2026 PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION INFORMATION

Primary Election:

Tuesday, August 4, 2026
6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

County Voter Registration Closes: Monday, July 6, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
Early Voting Begins: Wednesday, July 8, 2026

General Election:

Tuesday, November 3, 2026
6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

County Voter Registration Closes: Monday, October 5, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
Early Voting Begins: Wednesday, October 7, 2026

City Council Offices to be filled:

One (1) Mayor Position with a 4-Year Term
Two (2) City Councilmember Positions with 4-Year Terms
One (1) City Councilmember Position with a 2-Year Term*

Term of Office:

Three (3) 4-Year Terms begin November 2026 and end November 2030
One (1) 2-Year Term begins November 2026 and ends November 2028

Candidate Packets:

Available beginning Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.

Signatures Required:

For Nomination Petitions – not less than 398 and not more than 797 signatures of qualified electors in the City of Bullhead City.

*An election for a 2-year position may take place if an incumbent elected to a 4-year term in 2024 decides to resign and run for the Office of Mayor.

CANDIDATE NOMINATION FILING DEADLINE

Last day to file nomination papers –

Monday, April 6, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE INFORMATION

State law requires candidates to account for all monies or things of value received and expended by them, their campaign committee, or individuals on behalf of a person's candidacy for public office. State statutes do not limit the dollar amount a candidate can spend during the campaign. Campaign contributions are limited pursuant to state law.

NOTICE: REGISTRATION OF POLITICAL COMMITTEES

Candidates that anticipate spending or receiving contributions of more than a total of \$500 must file a Political Committee Statement of Organization. Candidates that anticipate spending or receiving contributions of more than a total of \$500 must file a Political Statement of Organization BEFORE:



- **Circulating Nomination Petitions**
- **Distributing Campaign Literature**
- **Receiving or Expending Money**

Each candidate that intends to receive contributions or make expenditures more than a total of \$500 in connection with a campaign for office shall designate in writing a political committee to serve as the candidate's campaign committee. The candidate shall make the designation by filing a Statement of Organization before making any expenditure, accepting any contributions, distributing any campaign literature, or circulating nomination petitions.

As long as the candidate does not receive contributions or make expenditures of more than a total of \$500 during an election cycle, the candidate does NOT need to file a Statement of Organization or any other campaign finance forms. However, if the candidate later receives or expends a total of more than \$500, a Statement of Organization must be filed with the City Clerk within ten (10) business days.

Campaign Contribution Limits

Please refer to Arizona Revised Statutes Title 16 regarding contribution limitations and the Arizona Secretary of State's website (www.azsos.gov) under "Campaign Contribution Limits" for the current limits.

CANDIDATE FILING INFORMATION

Nonpartisan Nomination Paper

The Declaration of Qualification includes sufficient information to indicate that the person will be qualified to hold the office.

Nonpartisan Nomination Petitions

A Nonpartisan Nomination Petition is signed by qualified electors who support the nomination of the individual whose name appears in the certificate portion. Only those persons who are qualified electors of the State of Arizona and the City of Bullhead City may sign a nomination petition. For this election, an individual may sign up to three (3) nomination petitions for City Council Member.

The petition circulator must be qualified to register to vote in the State of Arizona. Each petition must be signed by the circulator who circulated that petition. The circulator's name shall be typed or printed under his/her signature. The circulator shall verify that, in his/her belief, each signed was a qualified elector who resides at the address given as the signer's residence on the date indicated.

Public Officer and Candidate Financial Disclosure Statement

A Financial Disclosure Statement must be filed by any candidate for public office. The statement shall cover the preceding twelve-month period and shall be filed at the time of filing the Nomination Paper and Nonpartisan Nomination Petitions.

Checklist for Filing

The following forms with original signatures must be filed at the same time in the City Clerk's Office, Bullhead City Hall, 2355 Trane Road, Bullhead City, Arizona, no earlier than Saturday, March 7, 2026; and no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 6, 2026, for the official filing of a candidate:

- 1. Nonpartisan Nomination Paper Declaration of Qualification**
- 2. Nonpartisan Nomination Petitions**
- 3. Financial Disclosure Statement**

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Qualifications

A candidate for city office must meet the following qualifications as set forth in A.R.S. § 9-232:

- Be eighteen (18) years of age or older at the time of filing nomination papers.
- Be a qualified elector* of the City of Bullhead City at the time of filing nomination papers.
- Have resided in the City of Bullhead City for at least one year as of August 3, 2025.
- Be current and paid in full on any campaign finance violation fines, penalties or judgements.

*A "qualified elector" is a person who lives in Bullhead City and is currently a registered voter.

City of Bullhead City Elective Offices

Office	Term	Term Expiration	Honorarium*	Incumbents
City Council Member (2 Seats)	Four Years	November 2030	\$1021.23 per month	Dan Alfonzo Tami Ring
City Council Member** (1) Seat	Two Years	November 2028	\$1021.23 per month	Pamela Smith
Mayor (1 Seat)	Four Years	November 2030	\$1465.75 per month	Rodney Head

*Honorarium set through the Bullhead City Council by ordinance

**An election for an additional 2-Year position may take place if an incumbent elected to a 4-Year term in 2024 decides to resign and run for the Office of Mayor.

Signature Requirements

The Nonpartisan Nomination Petition must contain the signatures of not less than five percent (5%) nor more than ten percent (10%) of the total number of valid ballots cast for Mayor at the last preceding General Municipal Election (November 2022). The required number of signatures to qualify for the 2026 Primary Election Ballot is no less than 398 valid signatures and no more than 797 signatures.

Majority to Elect in Primary Election

Any candidate who receives, in the Primary Election (August 4, 2026), a majority of votes of all the ballots cast, pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes § 9-821.01, will be declared elected to the office for which he/she is a candidate, as of the date of the General Election (November 3, 2026). If more candidates receive a majority of votes of all the ballots cast than there are offices to be filled, those candidates, equal to the number of offices to be filled and receiving the highest number of votes, shall be declared elected.

WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION ON...

CANDIDATE FILINGS, CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS, RELATED ELECTION INFORMATION, AND FORMS:

Bullhead City Clerk's Office
2355 Trane Road
Bullhead City, Arizona 86442
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Email: dogden@bullheadcityaz.gov
Website Address: www.bullheadcityaz.gov
Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

VOTER REGISTRATION, VOTER LISTS, AND EARLY VOTING:

MOHAVE COUNTY RECORDER – VOTER REGISTRATION DIVISION
700 W. Beale Street
Kingman, Arizona 86401
928-753-0767
Email: voterregistration@mohave.gov
Website address: www.mohave.gov
Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

MOHAVE COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT
700 W. Beale Street
Kingman, Arizona 86401
928-753-0733
Email: elections@mohave.gov
Website Address: www.mohave.gov
Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND OTHER RELATED ELECTION QUESTIONS:

ARIZONA SECRETARY OF STATE
Elections Division
1700 W. Washington Street, 7th Floor
Phoenix, Arizona 85007
602-542-8683
1-877-THEVOTE
Website Address: www.azsos.gov